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Scottish Air-Mail Letter

Scottish Regiments: Exhibition of Paintings at R.S.A.C.: Leader of Everest
Exhibition: Scottish Forests: A
Millais Picture: Mary of
Scotland:

(Special Air-Mail Service)

Edinburgh December 5.

THE ARMY FACES A CRISIS

Concerned about the depletion
in strength of Scottish Regiments,
the War Office is anxious for a
rush of recruits.

The kilt it appears, is not the attraction
that it was. Scots are
getting shy about their legs.

And the result is that nearly all
the Scottish sections—including
the Highlanders, with whom the
kilt is part of the regimental uniform—want "talent."

Here are the numbers of recruits
that some of them want: Cameronians 123, Seaforth's 14, Gordons 9,
Cameron Highlanders 62, Argyll and Sutherland's 6, Royal Scots 79,
Royal Scots Fusiliers 119, King's Own Scottish Borderers 71.

The Black Watch, the Highland Light Infantry, and the Gordon Highlanders also want officers.

The Territorial units of the Scottish regiments are also considerably under strength.

Altogether another 33 officers and 2,000 men are needed.

SOCIETY OF SCOTTISH ARTISTS

The exhibition of the Society of Scottish Artists, which opened in the Royal Scottish Academy Galleries, Prince Street, furnishes convincing proof that there is a definite development amongst the younger Scottish artists.

The exhibition is the most vital and interesting of the series under the Society's auspices. In recent years the Society has made a point of introducing examples of modern art from different countries to the Scottish public. Recently, Scandinavian and Polish pictures and sculpture attracted general attention.

On this occasion the exhibition is definitely Scottish, but with an international accent. The loan pictures are from Scottish collectors, but they include examples of Matisse, Modigliani, and other Continental artists associated with the modernist spirit, while the great majority of the contributions from Scottish painters show the modernist influence.

Art, it may be assumed, so far as Scotland is concerned, is in process of being denationalised. There are examples of characteristic work by the younger Scottish painters which would be regarded as quite at home in Paris, the centre of the modernist movement. There is, however, nothing that is extreme, outre, or "merely different."

With few exceptions one can recognise the authentic note of sincerity.

The President, William MacTaggart, has for some years contributed to the various Scottish and English exhibitions individual landscape work, notable for its design and weightiness. Two of the outstanding pictures of the exhibition are by him—a still life, in which the interest of colour and design completely outweighs that of the material, and an impressive and individual landscape.

EVEREST LEADER BUYS SCOTS ISLAND

Mr. Hugh Rutledge, the leader of the Mount Everest expedition this year, has bought the island of Gomtra, on the west coast of Scotland.

Gomtra, situated in Kilninn, and Kilmore Parish, Argyllshire, on the south side of Loch Troad, is two miles long and one broad. It is separated from the adjoining island of Ulva by a narrow strait, more often dry than under water.

The island comprises a considerable extent of arable land, and the mansion-house is a well-built modern residence.

There are numerous cottages and a farm steading. Gomtra itself is served by two harbours, and was at one time a well-known fishing station.

Mr. Rutledge acquired the property from Messrs. Walker, Fraser and Steele, the Glasgow and Edinburgh estate agents, by private negotiation.

FOREST GRANDEUR

That the Scot is, or at least was, the greatest lover of forest grandeur in the world was asserted to me by Captain E. St. Barbe Baker as we went over some of the impressive photographs which are to be shown at "The Men of the Trees" Exhibition.

To illustrate his assertion he instanced the Duke of Buccleuch's estate, which contains some of the natural regeneration of ash. This is said by experts to be due to the past waged on rabbits. It was either a Duke of Buccleuch or a former owner of the estate who decided to plant an avenue of trees all the way to London, an endeavour which was frustrated by the owner of neighbouring estate.

FAMOUS PICTURE FROM KIP-
PER ESTATE

A famous Millais picture is to be sold at Christie's London. It is the artist's "No" (49 inches by 32 inches) which was the chief topic of the 1875 Royal Academy Exhibition.

"No" shows a pretty girl over a letter she has just written refusing an offer of marriage. It was a portrait of Dorothy Tennant, later Lady Stanley, wife of Sir Henry Morton Stanley, the great explorer, whom she married in 1880.

"No" passed into the possession of the Brassey family and was valued at 1400 guineas. This week it belongs to the trustees of the late Mr. Stephen Mitchell, of Kippin, Stirlingshire. Next week the Millais picture will have a new owner and a new valuation.

GLASGOW'S DISTINCTION

Glasgow was described to me today as the greatest book-reading city in Great Britain, excepting London, which, of course, has an overwhelming advantage in population. The fact is emphasised in the records of the one-year-old National Book Council, whose scheme of "tokens-for-book presents" has jumped from a first issue of 32,000 to 92,000, and is proving outstandingly popular in Scotland.

The Scots, in fact, an official of the council tells me, are putting the tokens to commendable uses that were never anticipated by the promoters of the scheme. Doctors given them to fellow medics for inter-professional services rendered, while Scottish brides and bridegrooms have discovered that book tokens are highly appreciated by ministers who officiate at wedding ceremonies and usually receive a pair of gloves or an umbrella.

"MARY OF SCOTLAND"

Maxwell Anderson, an American playwright of Scottish descent, has written a play which will be seen here early next year—"Mary of Scotland."

I understand that the writer has taken the Queen's side in the traditional battle, and depicted her as a vivacious, flower-like creature betrayed by all and sundry. The dialogue is written in modern prose. Mr. Anderson is the author of many plays, some of which have been exhibited here in film form—notably "Saturday's Children" and the military tragedy, "What Price Glory?"

He began his professional life as a schoolmaster, later transferring his interest to journalism, and finally becoming one of the most successful dramatists in the States. Some difficulty is anticipated in finding an actress for "Mary."

DANCES

Kowloon Cricket Club's Annual New Year's Eve Fancy Dress Dance

SPORTS

Football.—First Division, Chinese Athletic v. South China.

Hockey.—Mamuk Hockey, Police v. United Hockey Club.

Racing.—Fauling Hunt and Race Club Steeplechase Meeting (Kwan to).

Sunrise.—7.03 a.m. Sunset.—5.49 p.m.

Tides.—High at 10.10 and 20.30. Low at 8.05 and 12.10.

MR. ROTHSCCHILD MARRIED

To Daughter Of Well-
Known Barrister

London, Dec. 29.
Victor Rothschild, heir to the Rothschild barony of his bachelor uncle, was yesterday married to Barbara, only daughter of Sir John Hutchinson, the well-known barrister-at-law. The bride had previously been received into the Jewish faith.

The wedding was held at the Rothschild family seat in Hertfordshire, owing to the desire of the nonagenarian widow of the first Baron Rothschild, who is the bridegroom's grandmother, to attend the ceremony.—Reuter.

DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

TO-DAY

(December 30)

(XI Moon, 14th Day)

Anniversaries and Holidays—Rizal Day.

Meetings.—Annual, China Light and Power Co. (1915), Ltd., Board Room of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham Bldg., Noon.

Social Functions.—Rizal Day, and Matthews, Mercantile Bank Celebration, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 1 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; Whist Drive, China Light and Power Recreation Club, King's Park, 9 p.m.; Catholic Cathedral, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Religious.—"Quarant' Heure," Entertainments.—Kowloon Union Church Sunday School Xmas Treat for Primary Children, 3 p.m.; Other Scholars, 4 p.m.

Miscellaneous.—Entrance Examination for New Students of St. Stephen's College, Stanley, 9.30 a.m.

Theatres

Queen's.—"Turn Back the Clock." King's.—"Ladies Must Love." Central.—"The Deluge." Oriental.—"Me and My Gal." World.—"Today We Live." Majestic.—"Trick for Trick." Star.—"Shot Gun Pass."

Dances

Peak Club Fancy Dress Dance.

Principal Mails

Outward for Australia by Nan-kin, 9.30 a.m.; Air Mail for Europe by Carthage, 9 a.m.; steamer 10.30 a.m.; for America and Europe via Siberia by General Sherman, 6 p.m.

Sports

Cricket.—Triangular Tournament, Hongkong C. C. v. Royal Navy; 11 a.m.; Second Division, Police v. Craigenower (L); Royal Navy v. Hongkong C. C. (F).

Football.—Lal Wah Cup Final, Navy v. Civilians; Second Division, Royal Artillery v. Royal Navy; Young Indians v. Chinese Athletic; South China v. Kowloon; Club v. Borderers; Third Division, Royal Engineers v. Lincoln; R.A.M.C. v. Rector; R. A. S. C. v. Royal Air Force; Borderers v. University.

Hockey.—Queer Club Cup, Y. M. C. A. v. Rector; "A" 3 p.m.; St. Andrew's v. Central British Association, 4.15 p.m.

Rugby.—Triangular Tournament, Navy v. Army.

Sunrise.—7.03 a.m. Sunset.—5.49 p.m.

Tides.—High at 10.10 and 20.30. Low at 8.05 and 12.10.

SUNDAY

(December 31)

(XI Moon, 15th Day)

Anniversaries and Holidays—First Sunday after Christmas, New Year's Eve, Hogomany, Customs Holiday.

Religious.—Quarant' Heure, Catholic Cathedral, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Dr. F. W. Norwood, of the City Temple, London, preaches at Hongkong Union Church 10.30 a.m.; Hop Yat Church, noon, and at Kowloon Union Church, 6 p.m.

Miscellaneous.—Outstanding Debentures of Kowloon Golf Club to be paid off to the Treasurers, Messrs. Linthead and Davis.

Theatres

King's.—"There Goes the Bride." Queen's.—"Tugboat Annie." Central.—"The Maid of the Mountains." Oriental.—"Burlesque Programme." World.—"Fra Diavolo." Majestic.—"The Eagle and the Hawk." Star.—"Marry Me."

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ENGINEERING AND BUILDING

CARDIFF STEEL WORDS PLANS

In view of the declaration by Mr. Walter Runciman (President of the Board of Trade) that the present Government had no intention whatever of withdrawing the import tariff on steel, it is believed that the scheme of Messrs. British (Guano) Keen Baldwins' Iron and Steel Company, Limited, for rebuilding the Downland-Cardiff steel works at a cost of 2,000,000, will be pushed on with all speed. Meanwhile, the demolition of the old steel works is proceeding.

COALING PLANT FOR LOCOMOTIVES

The London and North Eastern Railway Company have just placed in contract with Messrs. H. Lees and Company, Limited, Glasgow, for the erection of an electrical coaling plant for locomotives at Boston. Many of these plants have already been installed by the London and North Eastern Railway in recent years, and the approximate time of coaling a locomotive has been reduced to about three minutes, as against about half an hour by the old method.—En.

NITROGEN-HARDENED ENGINE CYLINDER

Process For Case-Hardening Alloy Castings

Of the newer types of alloy cast irons which have been introduced during recent years those containing aluminium and chromium are of very great interest and importance. It has been shown that these alloy cast irons can be case hardened by the nitrogen-hardening process, and as a result of this treatment they acquired surface hardnesses, measured by the diamond-hardness method, of 1,000 Brinell and over. The nitrogen-hardening process involves the exposure of the articles to an atmosphere of anhydrous ammonia gas at a temperature of 500 deg. C. This temperature, which is below red heat, is sufficiently low as to enable finished ground articles to be treated without marring or distortion. After treatment very slight rectification and polishing is all that is necessary to render the articles fit for service.

One of the most important applications of cast iron surface hardened in this manner is that of cylinders and cylinder liners for various types of engines, pumps, and compressors. The resistance to wear anticipated from the super-hard surfaces of cast-iron cylinders of this material is of vital interest to all engine designers. The results of an experimental study of the resistance to wear of nitrogen-hardened cast-iron cylinders were published by Mr. J. E. Hurst, in a paper before the recent autumn meeting of the Iron and Steel Institute in Sheffield.

In deciding upon the experimental procedure it was considered that the available types of abrasion-wear testing machines were not likely to give results of value in determining the comparative resistance of materials to wear in engine cylinders. For this reason the experiments were carried out under actual engine cylinder conditions. To obtain results of a decisive character the tests under these conditions were of very prolonged duration and actually occupied over three years, during which several individual engine tests were conducted over a running-time period equivalent to 40,000 miles road running. Other tests were carried out under actual road-running conditions for a similar period. The experiments undertaken, duplicate actual industrial conditions, a point which is of great importance when dealing with such a complex property as resistance to wear.

METHOD OF TEST

In the experiments cylinder liners of nitrogen-hardened cast iron whose surface hardness was recorded at approximately 1,000 Brinell diamond hardness were compared with liners of plain unalloyed cast iron, chromium alloy cast iron, and nickel chromium alloy cast iron, both of these latter being tested in the "as cast" and hardened and tempered conditions. The approximate hardnesses of these materials were 230 to 250 Brinell for the ordinary and chromium alloy cast iron, in the "as cast" condition and 480 to 500 Brinell for the materials in the hardened and tempered condition. All tests were carried out for periods of 10,000 miles or multiples of this period, and the cylinder wear was determined by a comparison of the maximum diameter after the test with the original diameter of the cylinder bore. Following a common and well-understood practice, the maximum wear was expressed in million per one thousandth of an inch wear, obtained by dividing the total miles by the maximum wear expressed in thousandths of an inch.

A strict comparison of the results obtained can be made only on the basis of equal mileages. At a mileage of 30,000 the resistance to wear of nitrogen-hardened alloy cast iron compared with ordinary cast iron as used normally for cylinder liners was as 2 to 1 and compared with chromium alloy cast iron as 2.5 to 1. At a mileage of 100,000 the ratio of nitrogen-hardened to chromium alloy cast iron still remained the same at 2 to 1. These results refer to tests carried out in stationary engine. In actual road tests, whilst the wear value in million per 0.001 in. of wear was smaller in magnitude, at a mileage of 40,000 the ratio of nitrogen-hardened to the hardened and tempered chromium alloy was found to be as 2.5 to 1. A figure in close agreement with the stationary engine tests. In the actual wear values the nitrogen-hardened cast iron showed results of from 10,000 to 20,000 miles engine running for a wear of 0.001 (one thousandth) of an inch cylinder diameter. A matter of some inter-

est was the fact that the differences between the wear values of ordinary cast iron, alloy cast irons in the "as cast" condition, and hardened and tempered cast irons were not a very large order.

The experiments clearly demonstrated the improved wear-resisting properties of the super-hard nitrogen-hardened cast iron under internal-combustion engine cylinder conditions. They may be used also to demonstrate the stability of the nitrogen-hardened surface under these same conditions. A short experimental test was made with petrol doped with "Ethyl." No effect due to the presence of this fluid was observed.

CANADA'S GIANT TELESCOPE

Instrument Weighing 50 Tons

A few miles from Toronto, on an eminence 800 ft. above sea level, a new Canadian observatory is being constructed as an adjunct to the University of Toronto and the English firm Sir Howard Grubb, Parsons and Co. have just finished constructing for the new observatory a reflecting telescope with an aperture of 74 in.

When this giant instrument, which weighs over fifty tons, is in use Canada will possess the second largest telescope in the world, the only one which exceeds it in size being the 100 in. reflector presented by the American millionaire, Mr. Hooker, to the Mount Wilson Observatory, California. The Canadian National Observatory at Ottawa has for some years possessed a 72-in. instrument at Toronto, the Dominion can boast the two biggest telescopes in the British Empire. The largest telescope in this country is the 36-in. reflector presented by Mr. W. J. Xapp to the Royal Observatory at Greenwich two years ago.

But the United States is not content with possessing the 100-in. reflector at Mount Wilson. Plans have been drawn up for one with a mirror 200 in. in diameter, which it is proposed to erect on one of the peaks of the Rocky Mountains in California. Unlike the mirrors of other reflecting telescopes, the mirrors for the proposed 200-in. reflector is to be made not of glass—which has been ruled out as impracticable for so large a mirror—but of fused quartz, and the General Electric Company has offered to make the mirror for the mere cost of labour and materials.

Even that huge telescope may soon be outclassed—if American millionaires can be found willing to foot the bill, which, in the case of a proposed 300-in. reflector, has been put at \$2,500,000. A well-known American astronomer, Professor Todd, has indeed, seriously put forward a project for a 50-ft. reflecting telescope which could be constructed, he believes, for quite a modest sum. His idea is to use a disused mine shaft in the Andes for the tube, and rotating mercury for the mirror. The focus of this telescope would be 1,200 ft. It was recently stated that Mr. McAfee, an American millionaire, had promised to finance the project, but astronomers are mostly sceptical as to its practicability.

Many problems the solution of which astronomers had long sought have been solved by the aid of the Mount Wilson 100-in. telescope, the most notable being the size of the distant stars, the diameters of which have been measured with this giant reflector and its associated "interferometer." It has also resolved many nebulae into separate stars, and in conjunction with the spectrograph, some of these objects have been detected hurtling through space at speeds of many thousands of miles a second.

With the human eye about 5,000 stars can be seen. Something like 1,500,000,000 could be photographed with the 100-in. reflector, and it is estimated that an additional 500,000,000 can be photographed when the 200-in. reflector is in operation among the clear skies of the Californian Rocky Mountains.

IRON AND STEEL HAVE MADE ADVANCES

Many Improvements Since 1905

Great advance had been made in steel metallurgy since 1905. Engineering science and practice were successful just as far as the available materials would allow, and the great advances in engineering during the past twenty-eight years had depended ultimately on the improvement in the quality of metals and the extension of the range of properties which they displayed. In 1905, the motor-car was in its infancy; the aeroplane was an experimental toy. Since then these industries had developed rapidly, and this had been accompanied by a steady demand for steels of better quality and with greater diversity of properties. The automobile industry in particular had been responsible for the extension of the use of alloy steels and for great advances in such fabrication processes as drop forging, tube making, and sheet pressing. In conclusion, he would like to mention three matters connected with steel metallurgy in which the city of Sheffield had played an important part. The first of these was the work of the Heterogeneity Committee, set up some years ago under the chairmanship of Dr. W. H. Hatfield. The object of the committee was to improve the quality of ordinary mild steel, and the new scientific information contained in the reports issued from time to time was of far-reaching importance. It was also of very great importance to remember, however, that for the first time a number of people had been drawn from the industry and were working together on one subject.

The second matter to which he wished to refer was the origin and development of stainless steels. These, as far as the iron-chromium series was concerned, would always be associated with the name of Mr. Harry Brearley. It was doubtful whether the discovery of a really effective rust-resisting steel had ever been seriously anticipated by metallurgists before it was actually found. Writing in 1910, Messrs. Cushman and Gardner had stated that "the tendency to rust is a character inherent in the element known as iron and will

in all probability, never be entirely overcome." This statement was strictly true because the properties of an element could not be altered, but its implications bearing on the alloys of which iron was the base had been completely contradicted by subsequent events. The third and last matter was the subject of creep and the heat-resisting steels. The word "creep" was a new one, and the first paper on the subject had been read by Mr. J. H. S. Dickenson, at the autumn meeting of the Institute in 1922. Since then the phenomenon had been the subject of intensive study all over the world, and as a result, the employment of metals at elevated temperatures had entered a new phase. As methods of studying the mechanical behaviour of metals at elevated temperatures had improved, the manufacture of alloys which resisted creep and oxidation advanced, and heat-resisting steels were now giving satisfactory service at temperatures unheard of ten years ago. In short, there had been a revolution in engineering practice since the Iron and Steel Institute had last met in Sheffield, just a generation previously.

NEW RAILWAY IN SHENSI

Reviving A Thirty Year Old Project

Construction work is progressing on the Government railway line between Yutze and Taihu, in Central Shensi. This railway connects with the Cheng-Tai Line at Yutze, sixty li south east of Taiyuan. Its completion will, therefore, give Taihu direct rail communication with Shihchiachung and Taiyuan, and will make possible the through shipment of freight to and from any point on the Cheng-Tai Line.

Just before the Revolution of 1911, a railway line was surveyed over this seventy-li route. The embankment was completed as far as Taihu, three stations were built, and rails were laid for a short distance. The Revolution brought the work to a standstill, and nothing has been done on the line for more than twenty years.

During the past summer, the old embankment was repaired as far as Taihu; and rails were laid from the Cheng-Tai Line, at Yutze, to the Hsiao Ho, a distance of about ten li. For several months, work-trains have been running on this section of the road. But unusually heavy summer floods have made it impossible to finish the bridge over the Hsiao Ho. This has delayed construction work on the south side of the river.

Workers are now engaged in throwing a temporary wooden bridge across the stream. Judging by the present rate of progress, it will not be long until trains are crossing the Hsiao Ho.

Tickets will soon be on sale, if one is to believe the man on the street. But it hardly seems possible that the line can be opened as far as Taihu before next autumn, at the earliest.

This stretch of road forms part of the long-projected railway from Tchungtu, on the Suiyuan line, to Chengtu, Szechuen. It is metre-gauge, like the Cheng-Tai, and uses the same weight of rail, thus greatly facilitating through traffic.

The Shansi Government is building a much lighter railway from Yutze to Taihu and on to the south-west. These two lines do not exactly parallel each other between the two cities. Instead, they form an ellipse—the provincial railway running a bit to the north, through Hsienkuang, and the Government railway, keeping to the south, through Tungyangchen. It remains to be seen which line reaches Taihu first. As no rails have yet been laid on the provincial line, the odds seem to lie with the Government railway.

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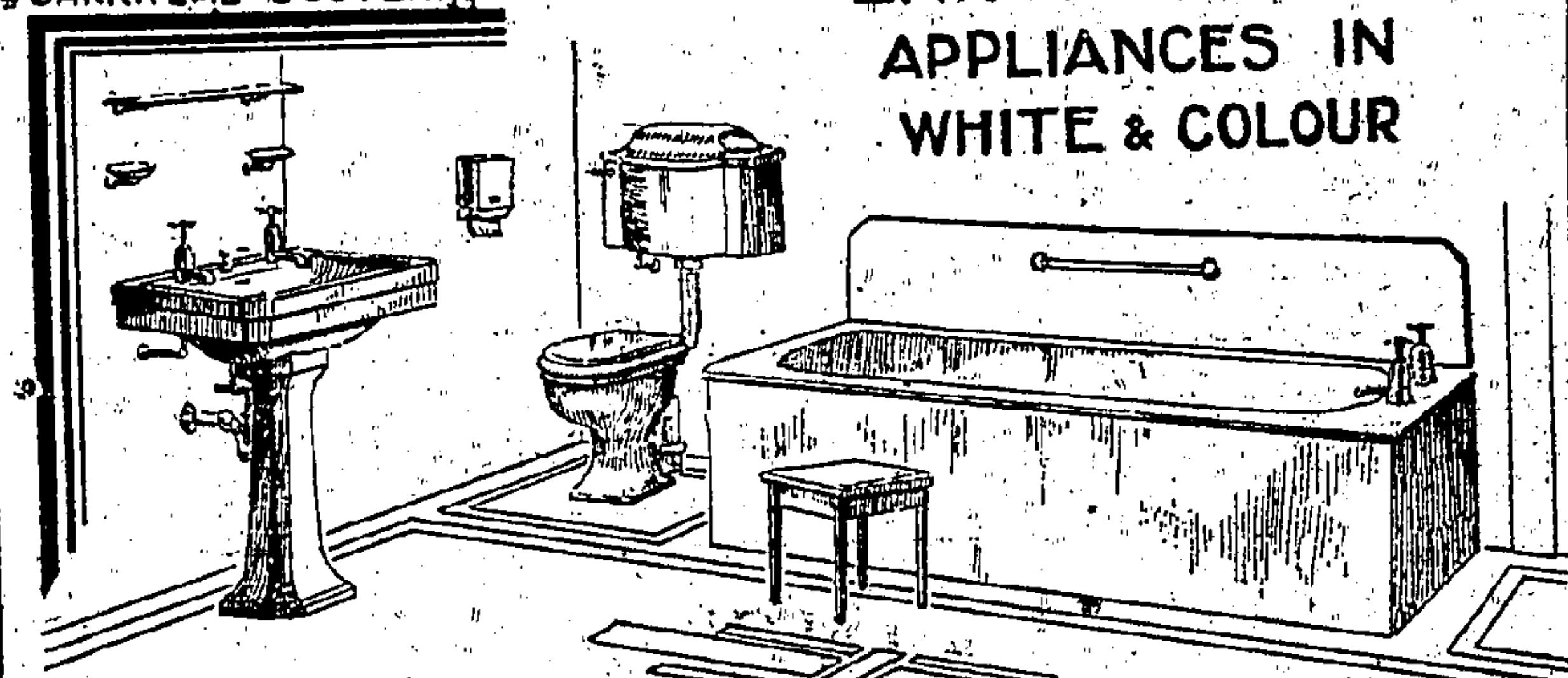
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MACAO WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT

NEWS FROM PORTUGAL

Exhibition Of Paintings By
Leal da Camara

PROPAGANDA OF PORTUGAL

"Matin" an Antwerp daily referring to the newly inaugurated Secretariat of Propaganda of Portugal says the following:—

"The efforts of Propaganda in Portugal have just been organized into an official Bureau ranking as a ministerial office. This important public organism is under the expert leadership of a brilliant journalist and man of letters, Mr. Antonio Ferro who is widely known in the Belgian journalistic world. Mr. Ferro's appointment symbolizes the 'right man in the right place' since all that has been done during the last few years within the domains of cultural, artist, tourist and economic propaganda shows the enterprising spirit and organization of Antonio Ferro.

"Paly, the well-known 'Matin' editor called Antonio Ferro the 'Beraud of Portugal.' This is quite right since we must remember the magnificent interviews of Mr. Ferro in the United States, Brazil, in all countries of Europe and also his sensational conferences with D'Annunzio, Mussolini, Primo de Rivera, Kemal Pacha, and other leaders of peoples in Europe. Antonio Ferro a few months ago revealed to the Portuguese people and to the world the enigmatic soul of Dr. Oliveira Salazar the moral 'dictator' and financial redeemer of Portugal."

ECONOMICAL RELATIONS BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND FRANCE

The Committee representing the Portuguese Government, to start the negotiations with the French Government's representatives has already been appointed, it being under the Presidency of Dr. Velga Simoes, Portugal's Minister in Berlin. The other members will be Eng. Azevedo Coutinho, Mr. Lente Perfeito an economic expert, and Dr. Ferreira dos Santos, the President of the House of Portugal in Paris.

THE PORTUGUESE NAVY

With the work proceeding in the new ships and the scrapping of old one, Portugal shall have by 1935, 45 new ships, including the replacements of old ones. It is not, of course, a big Navy but it must be remembered that not long ago Portugal's Navy was practically non-existent since most of her ships were old and many of them had to be replaced by new units. This, however, shall comprise just part of the Naval programme as further developments in the construction of new ships, embodying the second part of the programme is now being contemplated by the Naval authorities and Dr. Salazar's opinion is being sought in order to sanction the respective expenditure.

It is interesting to note at this juncture that six new battleships were covered during the current fiscal year by the Portuguese Government and the external debt has practically been wiped off the Portuguese budget.

PAINTING EXHIBITION

The Committee of Trustees of the Macao Museum has just succeeded in organizing an exhibition of paintings by the well-known Portuguese artist Leal da Camara.

The exhibition was inaugurated on the 28th instant with the presence of H. E. the Governor of Macao, Lieut.-Col. Bernardes de Miranda, and it will be open to the public for one month at the historical building of the Macao Municipal Chambers.

Some of the work of this distinguished artist has already been sold and it is anticipated that the exhibition will be a success both in its artistic and financial aspects.

Mr. Leal da Camara's work has a pronounced national accent and is particularly appealing to the Portuguese sentiment.

The exhibition consists of about 100 different paintings and sketches depicting characteristic scenes and types from Portuguese provincial life. They are reproductions of the objects they represent.

The visitors were unanimous in voicing expressions of appreciation of the artist's merit as shown by the exhibits and it is anticipated that further exhibitions will take place in the near future of other painters' works should they wish to send their paintings to Macao, following the example set by Leal da Camara.

A nice leaflet containing the prices and headings of each particular painting to be sold, is distributed to visitors.

RADIO STATION

Another powerful Radio Broadcasting Station is being planned at Lisbon in order to connect the Metropolis with all Portuguese Colonies so that the colonies may know every day's Home press news and hear the more important of official events. This is just another step forward in the complement of the propaganda of the country and its sound administration.

NEWS FROM PROUGAL

Xmas Eve Dinner to the Poor. In response to the appeal of the Secretariat of the National Propaganda of Lisbon, the population generously made donations which provided 1500 dinners for the poor on Xmas eve.

Homage to the President of Ministry. The Administrative Committee of Municipal Chamber of Lisbon in their meeting held on Xmas Day conferred to the President of Ministry the Municipal Gold Medal of Merit and the title of Citizen of Lisbon.

Temperature in Portugal. The maximum temperature registered in Lisbon has been 8.6 and minimum 0.9 in shade. In Oporto the minimum has been 2.5.

During the very cold days wolves and wild boars have appeared and caused damage in various counties, such as Soajo, Campea, Monte Trigo and Valverde.

Xmas for the Unemployed. The Minister of Public Works decreed that all registered unemployed should receive on Xmas and New Year wages corresponding to their profession as if they were working.

Austrian Football Team. An Austrian team is visiting Lisbon and will play several matches during their stay.

Loanda Railway. The allotment of funds as requested by the Government of Angola for the construction of the third subsidiary line of Loanda Railway has been approved.

Portuguese Unemployed in France.

Four hundred Portuguese unemployed in France called on the Portuguese Legation and made known their state, to which the Minister replied that the matter would have his attention. Since then he has been referred the matter to the Portuguese Government.

Olga de Morais Sarmiento. This well known authoress who has resided in Paris for sometime has just received from the French Government the 'Legion of Honour'.

She is the second Portuguese lady that has received this decoration.

Fr. Himalala Has Died.

Father Himalala who is well known in Portugal and abroad has died. The deceased will be remembered as the inventor of the smokeless gunpowder Himalala, and also for various other inventions.

At the time of his death he was chaplain in the 'Hospicio de Caridade de Viana do Castelo'.

Customs Tariffs in Portugal.

A decree has been published whereby reduction is made on tariffs charged on tea and rice imported from the Colonies, and by 70 per cent. and 60 per cent. on other products.

No alteration has been made to tariffs charged on sugar and tobacco.

Tariffs on foreign tea have been increased by 10 per cent. All the Estate buildings will have to use a certain quantity of colonial products among which are tea and coffee.

Dr. Vargas Moniz.

This physician has left Lisbon for Macao. He has been appointed by the Government to serve in the Government Civil Hospital.

CHEAPEST RAILWAY IN CHINA

The official opening ceremonies of the completion of the Hangchow Railway to Kiangnan on the borders of Kiangsu Province took place on December 28. This railway is a monument to the fine work of the Department of Construction, marking the most economical bit of railway construction in China. The total length of the line is 380 kilometres and the total cost \$13,000,000 or about \$33,000 per kilometre. The programme for the opening ceremonies was leave Shanghai at 6 p.m. on December 27, arrive at Hangchow at midnight. Leave Kiangsu, Sui-lan-miao station to take ferry across the Chientang River at 7 a.m., guests were then given tickets and a commemorative badge for the special train leaving at 8 a.m. sharp. Arriving at Kihua station, a quick lunch was served and for the entertainment of the guests a 'Bull Fight' between bulls specially bred in the district for the purpose. This is a spectacle rarely seen and only performed on exceptional occasions, the bulls taking two or three years to train for the purpose. Those who wished could return the same day to Hangchow or continue on to Kiangnan for the ceremony, where they were accommodated for the night and returned to Hangchow on December 29.

MACAO RACES

Meeting Arranged
For January 14

The first extra race meeting of the Macao Jockey Club will be held on January 14, when a Programme of seven races has been arranged. The draft programme is as follows:—

1.—The Good Chance Handicap (One Mile.)

Winner \$100. Second \$75. Third \$50. For China ponies, subscription ponies of this Club of any Season. Entrance \$5.

2.—The New Year Handicap (Third Section) (Once Round.)

Winner \$150. Second \$100. Third \$50. For China ponies classified by The Hongkong Jockey Club as "D" and "E" classes and subscription ponies of this Club. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. No whips or spurs allowed. Entrance \$5.

Note.—One entry only will be made for The New Year Handicap. Entries will be divided into First, Second and Third Section at the discretion of the Handicapper. Only Third Section to be ridden by Novices.

3.—The Good Luck Handicap (One Mile.)

Winner \$200. Second \$125. Third \$75. For China ponies classified by The Hongkong Jockey Club as "C" class. Entrance \$5.

4.—The New Year Handicap (Second Section) (One Mile.)

Winner \$150. Second \$100. Third \$50. For China ponies classified by The Hongkong Jockey Club as "D" and "E" classes and subscription ponies of this Club. Entrance \$5.

5.—The Hong Kong Handicap (One Mile.)

Winner \$150. Second \$100. Third \$50. For China ponies, subscription griffins of The Hongkong Jockey Club of any Season. Entrance \$5.

6.—The New Year Handicap (First Section) (1½ Miles.)

Winner \$150. Second \$100. Third \$50. For China ponies classified by The Hongkong Jockey Club as "D" and "E" classes and subscription ponies of this Club. Entrance \$5.

7.—(Unofficial) The Ladies' Handicap (Five Furlongs.)

Winner \$100. Second \$75. Third \$50. A Cup will be presented to the winning rider. For China ponies classified by The Hongkong Jockey Club as "E" class that have not won more than \$300 in Stakes since 1st January, 1933.

50 DISTILLERIES
REOPENHigh Duty And The
U.S. Market

A welcome renaissance of activity in the Scottish malt whisky distilling industry is seen. For years the business has been languishing, but in view of orders anticipated from America on the official repeal of Prohibition in a few days time, over fifty of the 150 distilleries of Scotland are resuming operations.

Hardly a distillery has been working for two years, and a considerable proportion of the total, if not sold, will never reopen.

The cause of the great falling off in whisky consumption in recent years, in the view of the leaders of the industry, is the very heavy duty which now has to be paid on every gallon of whisky distilled in Scotland, which equals 8s 4½d on each 12½ gallon put up.

Some idea of the reduction in consumption is gained from the fact that, although distilling has been practically at a standstill, there is to-day in the bonded warehouses of Scotland no fewer than 150,000,000 proof gallons of spirit, the bulk of which has been maturing from five to ten years.

The potential grand value of this bonded whisky is \$675,000,000, out of which the Government, "the partner who provides no capital," according to the trade, will take the sum of \$450,000,000.

Boon to Farmers

Apart from the direct relief afforded to unemployment in the whisky industry itself, renewed activity in the distilleries is a boon to the farmers growing barley, who have been hard hit in recent years. There are in Scotland 132,000 acres of land on which barley could be grown. In 1931 the acreage under cultivation was 92,000; in 1932 it fell to 80,000.

Among other trades that will derive benefit from greater prosperity in the whisky business are coal mining, rail and road transport, peat cutting, yeast making, the coopers and the coopersmiths, bottle making and other ancillary industries.

During the past few days I have toured Speyside, in the Highlands, a picturesque region, which has suffered severely from the depression in the distilling business, upon which it is almost wholly dependent.

A 10s. Bottle

"While we are hoping for good orders from America," said a leading representative of the trade, "we realise that we shall have to face competition from Canadian whisky and from American rye and Bourbon whisky as soon as they have got it matured for the market. What would be a permanent aid to us, would be a reduction of the Government duty from 12s 6d to 5s per gallon, which would enable a bottle of whisky to be sold for 10s."

HOW JAPANESE LEARNED
WHISKY SECRETPolite "Tourists" In Scotland
DISTILLERY VISIT

A striking illustration of the methods of the Japanese for acquiring and making use of Western knowledge is provided by their attempt to enter into competition with the Scotch whisky industry.

Some years ago, a party of Japanese "tourists" visited Scotland and obtained permission from a company owning a number of distilleries to inspect one of their premises, as they were curious to see how whisky was made.

When the "tourists" arrived at a Highland distillery their courtesy and interest charmed all with whom they came into contact. They were shown the whole process from the malting of the barley to the distilling of the spirit.

So great, indeed, was their enthusiasm that they asked, and were allowed, to make sketches of the plant. "In order to explain the business better to our friends at home."

"It has not the flavour of our product. One reason for that is that it is not so well matured, and another, that they do not store it in sherry casks."

"The Japs have tried hard to get a sale for their whisky in India without much success, but they have obtained a market in the Straits Settlements and in other parts of the East."

DEAN INGE'S WARNING
TO MEN OF 50

Age Of Deterioration

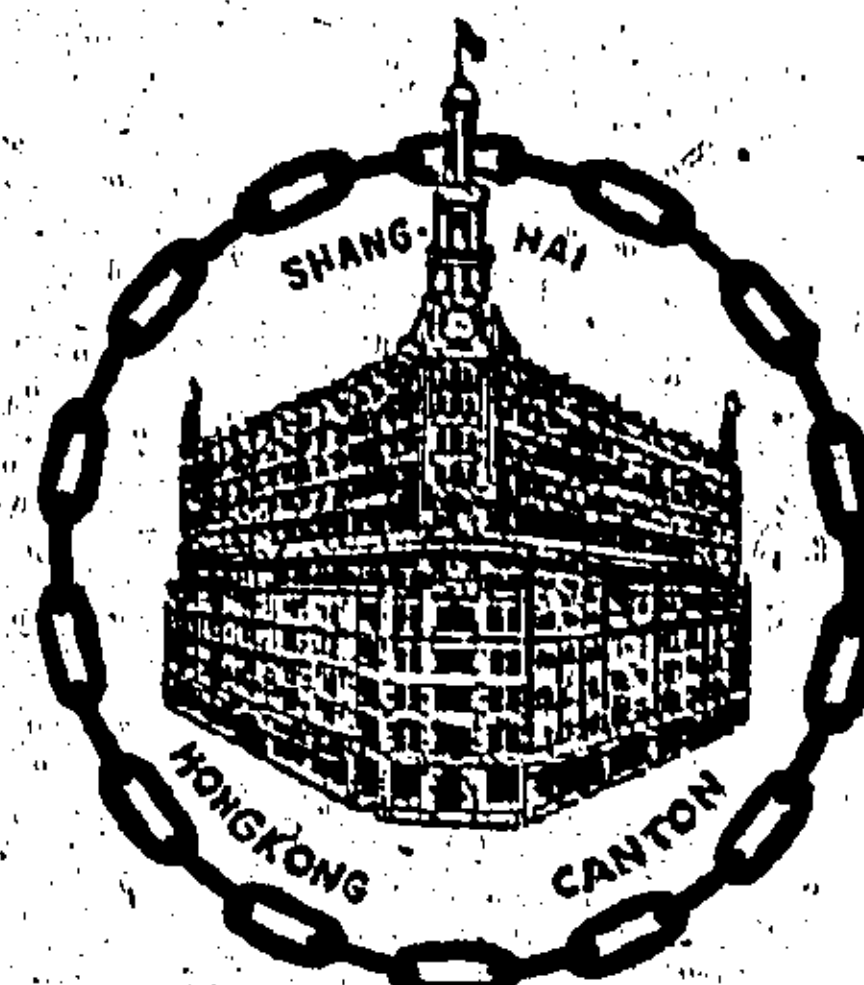
Dean Inge, preaching at Southwark Cathedral recently, said few things were more tragic than the deterioration of character in men which often set in at about 50. They must be careful to keep at bay the fatty degeneration of conscience.

"The successful man," continued the Dean, "is sometimes a miserable object—a man who has lost the habit of attending to anything except things which help him or that hold him back. A man for whom all the finer and higher values of life do not exist."

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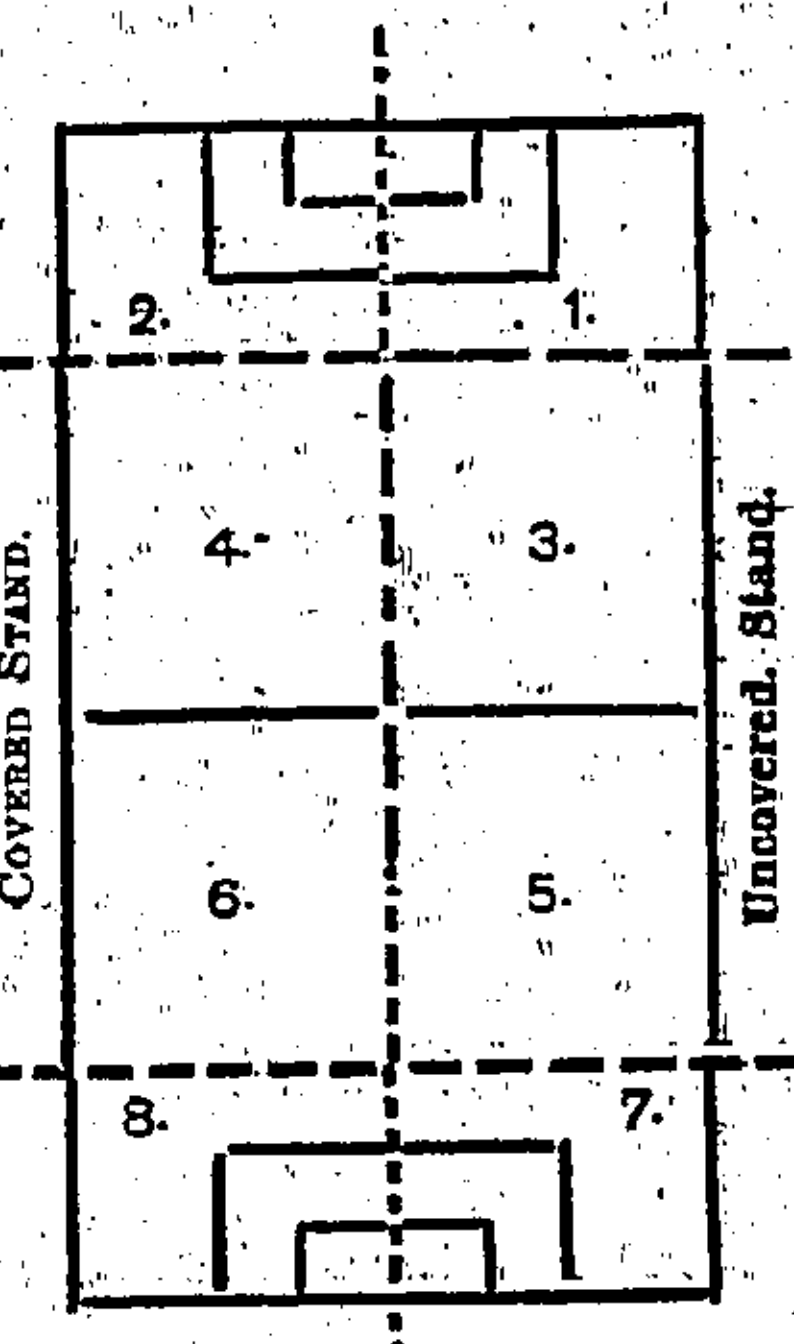
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agement. (During the inter-
vals recorded music will be
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2.15 p.m.—Close down.

Dance Programme from the Hong
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3.20-5.20 p.m. (approx.)—A Run-
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8 p.m.—Local time and weather re-
port.

Vocal Quartette—Form Four—
War Songs Medley (arr.
Giraud)—The Big Four.
Octet—Putting the Clock Back
(arr. Squire)—J. M. Squire
Celeste Octet.

Orchestra—Drury Lane Memo-
ries—Regal Cinema Orchestra.
Piano Solos—Jerome Kern—Med-
ley.

Piano Solos—George Gershwin—
Medley—Carroll Gibbons and
the Savoy Hotel Orpheans.
Band—Words and Music—Sel-
lection—Debroy Somers Band.
Band—Review of Revues—De-
broy Somers Band.
Band—The Evolution of Dixie
(Lake)—Reg. Band of H.M.
Grenadier Guards.

Orchestra—C. B. Cochran Pre-
sents—The B.B.C. Dance Or-
chestra with Alice Delyata, Les
Allen, Peggy Wood and Mary
Ellis.

Orchestra—The Gold Diggers of
1933—Selection—The B.B.C.
Dance Orchestra.

Vocal—Song Carnival of 1932
Stars—Planagan and Allen,
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9-11.30 p.m.—A relay of the Hong
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10.30 p.m.—Rugby Mid-day Press
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11.30 p.m.—Close down.

SUNDAY.

10.30-11.30 a.m.—A relay of the
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Scripture Reading.
Hymn: "Thy Kingdom Come."
Prayer.
Offering.
Hymn: "The King of Love
—my Shepherd is."
Sermon.
Hymn: "Crown Him With Many
Crowns."
National Anthem.
Benediction.

11.30 a.m.—Chinese recorded pro-
gramme.

12-12.45 p.m.—A relay of the Hop
Yat Church Service.

12.45-2.30 p.m.—European recorded
programme.

1 p.m.—Local time and weather re-
port.

2.30 p.m.—Close down.

Dance Music from the Hong Kong
Hotel.

4.30-7.30 p.m.—Chinese recorded
programme.

7.30-12 midnight.—European pro-
gramme.

7.30-9 p.m.—A recorded pro-
gramme.

8 p.m.—Local time and weather re-
port.

Band—Rienzi—Overture (Wag-
ner)—Reg. Band of H.M.
Grenadier Guards.

Song—Norma—Queen of Heaven,
While Thou Art Reigning (Bel-
lini).

Song—La Gioconda—Yes Suicide
(Fonchelli)—Gina Cigna (So-
prano).

"Cello Solo—Sarabande (Sul-
zer).

Band—Lionel Monckton Memo-
ries (Monckton)—Debroy Som-
ers Band.

Pianoforte Solo—Minuetto from
Suite (Suk).

Pianoforte Solo—Berceuse (Chop-
in)—Ignaz Friedman.

Chorus—Chauve-Souris—The
Knife Grinders' Daughter
(Traditional).

Chorus—Chauve-Souris—Duet
from Pique Dame (Tschakow-
sky)—N. Ballet's Chauve-
Souris Company with Eugene
Safonova and Finalda Erchova.

Octet—Operatic (arr. Squire)—
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

Band—Marche Slav (Tschakow-
sky)—Reg. Band of H.M.
Grenadier Guards.

Violin Solo—Mazurka (Zarzycki).

Violin Solo—Romanza Andaluza
(No. 3 Spanische Tante) (Sara-
sate) Bronislaw Heberman.

Vocal Duet—Pagliacci—Why
Have You Taught Me? (Leon-
cavallo).

Vocal Duet—Pagliacci—My Fate
is in Thy Hands (Leoncavallo).
—Rosetta Pampanini and Gino
Vanelli.

Band—Carmen Caprice (Bizet,
arr. Somers).

Band—Faust Frolisc (Gounid,
arr. Somers)—Debroy Somers
Band.

9-12 midnight.—A relay of the
Hong Kong Hotel Dance Or-
chestra from the Hong Kong
Hotel Grill Room by courtesy
of the Management. (During
the intervals recorded music
will be broadcast from the
Studio.)

12 midnight.—Close down.
Should reception prove satisfac-
tory, the programme between 9
and 6 p.m. will be replaced by a
relay from Daventry.

ABBEY WINDOW
MYSTERY

14th-Century Glass
Sold To Dealer

A dramatic confession in Paris
by a woman artist has solved the
mystery of the disappearance of
fourteenth century stained glass
from two windows in Fecamp
Abbey.

They were removed in 1928 for
restoration, and duly replaced.
But in July suspicion arose that
the old glass had been replaced by
modern, and sold to America.

Mlle. Marguerite Hure, the ar-
tist, entrusted with the restoration,
said to have been the only per-
son in France competent to carry
out the work, confessed when called
before the examining magis-
trate.

Twice Lied to Police

"I lied twice to the police," she
exclaimed, "but I am deeply sorry
for what I have done, and beg
forgiveness. I was very hard up
at the time, and did not know
where to turn for money."

As Mlle. Hure's offence is covered
by a "statute of limitations," she
will probably not be pro-
secuted, but the position of her
alleged accomplices is not so clear.
It is suggested that they may be
tried for concealing stolen goods.

Mlle. Hure's story is that when
she had finished the restorations
she invited persons likely to be
interested to inspect them. Among
the visitors was an art dealer, who
tempted her to sell some of the
original glass. Six half-panels
were surrendered for 58,000 francs,
and two of them were subsequently sold
to America for 130,000 francs. Two more
were given up to the authorities
when discovery became inevitable.

Probably the substitution of mo-
dern glass for the old would never
have become known but for a
quarrel in the family of the dealer
who bought the old glass. The
man who first negotiated with
Mlle. Hure on behalf of the firm
admitted to the examining magis-
trate that dissensions with his
relatives led him to disclose the
fraud.

Doubts are now thrown on the
authenticity of the windows in the
choir of the church of Ligny-en-
Barrois. The 16th century stained
glass was removed for restoration
by order of the Department of
Fine Arts, and replaced about
1914.

MRS. HARRISON
AND ASQUITH

Secret of "The Lady
of the Letters"

It is now revealed that the "Lady
of the Letters" to whom Lord Ox-
ford and Asquith wrote with un-
failing regularity during the war
years when he was Prime Minister
is Mrs. Hilda Harrison, who lives
in a delightful country house known
as Sandlands, near Boar's Hill,
Oxford.

Mrs. Harrison, who is the widow
of Major Roland Harrison, of the
Royal Horse Artillery, is a talented
portrait painter, and for many
years she kept a small antique and
bric-a-brac shop in Oxford.

Sandlands was often visited by
Lord Oxford, who loved to stroll in
the gardens on a summer evening
and to look out across the fields
towards the Berkshire Downs.

In a tiny and cosy room in which
Lord Oxford spent many happy
years Mrs. Harrison yesterday
told a reporter about their deep
friendship and of the hours he spent
with her children, Peter and Anne.
Peter is now 21 and Anne is 17.

"Lord Oxford was always very
interested in my children," Mrs.
Harrison said, "but of course they
were only mere mites when he first
knew them. He had a way with
children, and they found him to be
a delightful companion."

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"He was not at all the austere,
hard man some people might think.
He was full of kindness. Indeed
he often told me he was afraid that
as a father he was too loving and
spared the rod, although he did not
think he had spoiled the child."

The children listened as their
mother spoke of their companion
of childhood days, of the man who
took such a deep interest in them
that in his will he left £2500 for
their education and maintenance.

"Peter is now in his second year
at Trinity, and intends to go in for
forestry," said Mrs. Harrison.
"Anne has just left school, and is
sitting for her entrance examination
for Summerhouse."

Mrs. Harrison paused for a mo-
ment, "Really," she said, "I do not
know what all the fuss is about,
and I do not see why my personal
friendships are of interest to the
public."

"After all, there is little to be
told. Of course, it has been wonder-
ful to me to have had the friend-
ship of such a great statesman as
Lord Oxford for so many years.
We found so many things of mutual
interest that we were like old
friends from the very first time we
met."

FIRST MEETING

"That was at a dinner party at
the home of Mrs. Graham Smith
at Easton Grey, in Wiltshire. Mrs.
Graham Smith was a sister-in-law
of Lord Oxford. Lady Oxford was
also a member of that dinner party."

"I sat next to Lord Oxford—Mr.
Asquith as he was then—and as I
am not particularly interested in
politics, I hardly knew what to
"speak about," said Mrs. Harrison.

"I must admit that at first I was
a wee bit scared, but I soon found
myself interested in his conversa-
tion. We talked about arts and
literature, and I quickly found that
he was a man of immensely wide
interests."

"From that night we became close
friends."

"When my husband, who was killed
at Givenchy in 1917, was home on
leave we both visited Lord and
Lady Oxford, and stayed with them
at their house in town."

"His son was killed at about the
same time as my husband, and that
again created a bond sympathy be-
tween us."

"He was a man of intense feel-
ing, and the Mr. Asquith which the
world saw and knew was but a
mask of his real self."

"I really think his friendship for
me was so great," went on Mrs.
Harrison, "because he found that
relief from politics and war which
were so essential to a man of his
nature."

LADY OXFORD'S COMMENT

Lady Oxford, at her London
home, yesterday, said that she
new nothing about the letters con-
tained in Mrs. Harrison's book.
Permission for their publication
was given by Lord Oxford's executors.

INDIAN FIELD BRIGADE

The first Indian Field Brigade
of the Indian Regiment of the
Artillery will be formed at Banga-
lore about January 1935, in re-
placement of the 14th Field
Brigade Royal Artillery, which will
proceed to the United Kingdom
without relief during the trooping
season in 1934-35. A nucleus of
the Battery of Madras, raised
from the volunteers from the late
corps of the Madras Pioneers, is
at present under training by the
14th Field Brigade Royal Artillery
at Bangalore. Instructions have
now been issued from Army Head-
quarters for the selection of the
number required to complete all
the four batteries of the Indian
Field Brigade. The selected per-
sons will be sent to Bangalore
in April 1934, for training.

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MountainsDIRECTED BY
LUPINO LANE'MAID OF THE
MOUNTAINS'

B.I.P. Sets A Record

The most ambitious film setting
ever attempted in a British studio
was constructed for the new British
International Pictures' musical pro-
duction, "The Maid of the Moun-
tains" which is to open at the
Central Theatre to-morrow.For the first time since that
famous and much discussed restau-
rant scene in "Piccadilly," a whole
sound stage was filled from wall to
wall by one set. The scene, as
filmmakers will see, is a mountain
ravine and rocky heights which to-
wer to the roof, while in the centre
a narrow path leads down to a
pool fed by a waterfall that cas-
cades from an opening 50-feet
above.On the mountain sides are caves
and tiny paths down which goats
nimble skip, while horses and don-
keys trot sedately up and down the
bridle paths. In a clearing is the
brigand's encampment and here the
principal scenes are enacted. A
kypsy band, which are in reality
Alfred's Vagabonds, provided
music for the general revelry asTO-DAY AT THE
CINEMA

HONG KONG

King's
"Ladies Must Love"
Queen's
"Turn Back the Clock"
Central
"Deluge"
Oriental
"Me and My Gal"

KOWLOON

Star
"Shotgun Pass"
Majestic
"Trick for Trick"

Coming

King's
"There goes the Bride"
"Berkeley Square"
Queen's
"Tugboat Annie"
"Beauty for Sale"
"Penthouse"
Central
"The Maid of the Mountains"
Star
"Marry Me"
"Hindle Wakes"
"White Sister"
World
"Fra Diavolo"
"Free Soul"
"Reunion in Vienna"
Oriental
"Laurel & Hardy, Burlesque"'LADIES MUST
LOVE'

At The King's

The boudoirs of Broadway's
"Ladies of the evening" form the
setting for much of the story of
"Ladies Must Love," the gay Uni-
versal musical picture now at the
King's Theatre with June Knight
and Neil Hamilton in featured
roles.The story revolves around four
seductive girls who live in a lux-
urious penthouse apartment on New
York's notorious avenue of intri-
gues. From this penthouse the ac-
tion swings to a large cafe, and
later to the streets of New York.Jessie Matthews and Owen Nares
in "There Goes the Bride" which
opens at the King's Theatre to-
morrow.where many amusing incidents take
place. An ultra-modern touch is
brought into the story when the
scene is transferred to a beer gar-
den, with a "horde of customers
quaffing the foamy fluid, and the
four girls, now somewhat down on
their luck, singing and dancing on
the stage at one end of the enclo-
sure. As a distinct contrast to
these perfectly lawful scenes are
other episodes laid in a New York
speakeasy, and all sorts of gambling
games in operation.
Supporting June Knight and Neil
Hamilton in "Ladies Must Love"
are Dorothy Burgess, Sally O'Neil,
Mary Carlisle, George E. Stone,
and other well known players, and
the tuneful picture was directed by
E. A. de Pont.the men, under the direction of
their chief or more properly Lupino
Lane, the producer, prepare to set
out in search of booty.Its construction in only five days
was a record even for B.I.P.'s ex-
port Art department, and this was
the set referred to by a recent visi-
tor from America who stated that
a similar one in U. S. would have
taken three times as long to build.FINAL SHOWINGS
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MUST
LOVEA UNIVERSAL PICTURE
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O'NEIL, DOROTHY BURGESS, MARY CARLISLE,
Oscar Apfel, George E. Stone, Virginia Cherrill.
Suggested by a play by William Hurbut. Produced
by Carl Laemmle, Jr. Directed by E. A. de Pont.'THERE GOES
THE BRIDE'The distinction of having been
booked for the entire Gaumont-
British Circuit before being trade-
shown, falls to "There Goes the
Bride," the joyous Gainsborough-
British Lion musical comedy, which
stars Jessie Matthews and Owen
Nares. It is regarded as the most
delightful British comedy romance
to date, and as an outstanding
triumph for Jessie Matthews, whom
the "Daily Mail" critic refers to
as creating a sensation. "Here
charm and impudence," writes the
film correspondent of the *New
Chronicle* are conveyed with such
an easy naturalness, and she is so
different from any other screen
heroine, that I was not surprised
to learn that the Gaumont-British
Company have signed her on a two
years' contract."There Goes the Bride," will be
shown at the King's Theatre next
Sunday.'TURN BACK THE
CLOCK'Final Showings At
Queen's"If somebody tied my hands I
couldn't talk!"Lee Tracy was pacing back and
forth along the edge of a set on
his new picture, "Turn Back the
Clock," a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer
drama having its final showings
to-day at the Queen's Theatre.
The cameraman had just asked
him to confine gestures during a
scene so the camera could take in
a difficult side angle."I'd be glad to hold down on
my gestures if I possibly could,"
groaned Tracy. "But if you con-
fine me in this scene so the angle
depends on my eliminating hand
movements, I am afraid we will be
all day getting it. And I probably
will act like the devil when you
do!"Tracy settled down in a canvas
back chair to rest for a moment
before the next "take" and con-
tinued the explanation of the
great value he places on gestures."To me a hand or arm move-
ment is like a punctuation mark
on a typewriter, the accelerator
of an automobile, and the volume
control on a radio. When I ex-
claim at something during a scene
my arm goes out as naturally as
though it were attached to my
larynx. The louder I talk the more
arm movements I make."Through years on the stage I
have developed gestures into such
a habit that I really can't talk as
definite a part of acting as facial
expression or voice intonation.
When my arms start going I am
really getting warmed up to a
scene and when I don't realize
gestures in my action, it is as
near reality as I can believe.- TO-MORROW -
JESSIE
MATTHEWS
IN'THERE GOES
THE BRIDE'OWEN NARES
JERRY VERNON
CAROL GOODNER.
A BRITISH PICTURE.

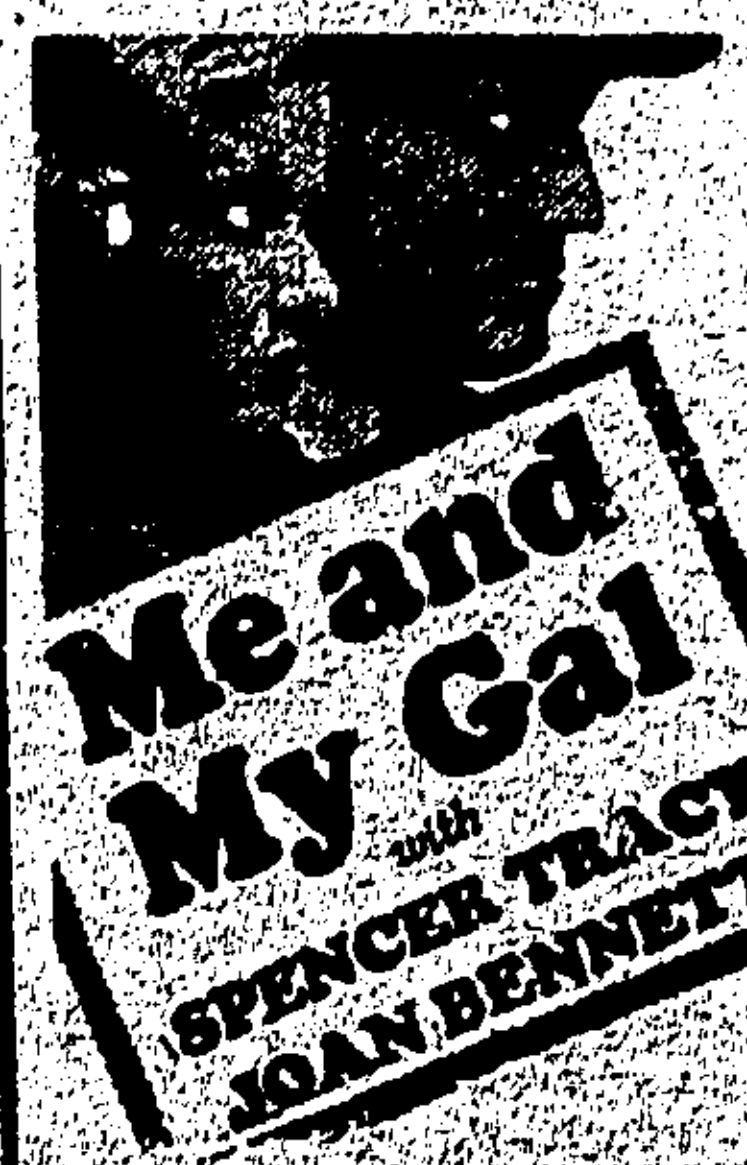
A SCENE FROM B.I.P.'S "MAID OF THE MOUNTAINS."

TUGBOAT ANNIE

At The Queen's

With Marie Dressler as Annie,
redoubtable feminine skipper of
Puget Sound, and Wallace Beery
as the irresponsible, bit irresistible
Captain Terry, "Tugboat Annie,"
much heralded filmization of Nor-
man Reilly Raine's Saturday Even-
ing Post stories, opens to-morrow
at the Queen's Theatre.The picture marks the first co-
starring appearance of Marie Dress-
ler and Beery since the memorable
"Min and Bill."Mervyn Le Roy Directs
Directed by Mervyn Le Roy, who
directed "Gold Diggers of 1933,"
"Little Caesar," and other hits, the
new picture tells a vivid story of
Northwestern waterfronts with the
two central figures cast in some
of the film's spectacular scenes.able roles. Laughs, thrills, tears
and tense drama all have their
share in the narrative.Miss Dressler plays the aggres-
sive feminine tugboat captain whose
husband, Beery, is a shiftless grin-
nard. Throughout various enter-
taining episodes they are seen in
hilarious quarrels and difficulties.
Then their son grows up and be-
comes the captain of a liner. To
save him from a wreck the "useless"
father comes through with an
heroic sacrifice.

Robert Young Again

Robert Young, last seen in "Hell
Below," plays the son with Maureen
O'Sullivan in the juvenile romantic
lead. Prominent roles are also
played by Willard Robertson, Tam-
many Young, Frankie Darro, Jack
Pennick and Paul Hurst. Much
of the picture was filmed with ac-
tual tugboat thrills at Seattle Har-
bour. Hundreds took part in some
of the film's spectacular scenes.ORIENTAL
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MONDAY & TUE-DAYIn their
SENSATIONALLY FUNNY
"MURDER CASE"POPE'S GLOOMY
OUTLOOKMoney Ever Needed
For Waging WarRome, Dec. 23.
Sterilisation is condemned by the
Pope in his Christmas address to
the Cardinals. The Pope says that
the inconsistency of such prac-
tices in the light of religious teach-
ings was clearly set forth in the
Papal Decree of 1931 and in the
Encyclical Casti Connubii, which
sternly condemned sterilisation.More prayers were necessary
during the present international
situation, the Pope told his hear-
ers. He declared that the inter-
national situation was bound up
with "uncertainties, distrust, and
the ever clashing interests of
fruitless negotiations. The best
comment I can offer is that no
one knows what the outcome will
be."The Pope deplored that "money,
money, money is ever needed by
the world to wage war."—Reuter.

A Case for Prayers

Rome, Dec. 24.
The traditional delivery of the
Papal Christmas wishes to the
Cardinals assembled in the Vatican
on Saturday morning paradoxical-
ly contained a quotation from
Napoleon as the most hopeful com-
ment on the threatening world
situation to-day. Recalling Bona-
parte's words, "waging war re-
quires money and then again
money," his Holiness nevertheless
assayed the present tension as
such that "one must pray, pray,
and pray again."—Transocean.AMERICAN ACCUSED OF
SPYINGFound With Documents Of
The French War MinistryParis, Dec. 24.
The examining Magistrate yester-
day questioned the American,
named Smith, implicated in the
spying organisation recently un-
covered in Paris. The prisoner
admitted having had relations
with several other accused.The Magistrate, in the presence
of Smith and his wife, broke the
seals of a parcel enclosing four
documents found in their hotel
by the police. The documents
bear the mark of the War Ministry,
and are marked "secret." They
contained letters, and technical
military notes.Yesterday, Smith had a conver-
sation with the American Consul-
—Havas.Among the story's highlights are
the race for the wrecked ship,
Beery's comical theft of the tug's
hawser and its denouement the
breaking up of the school's com-
mencement programme, the hi-
larious celebration aboard the liner
when Miss Dressler samples the
punch, the stirring wreck sequence,
the run of the tug to the rescue
through churning seas, and Beery's
"big moment" when he enters the
firebox of a boiler to plug its leak-
ing tubes and thus saves the endan-
gered ship of his son.MAJESTIC
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and Bill" in joyous re-
union — another laugh-
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age on the seas of matri-
mony!TUGBOAT
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H.K.V.D.C.)

1.—Parade.

(a.)—Corps Signals:—
There will be no parade until the
8th January, 1934.(b.)—Scottish Company:—
Parade Thursday, 4th January.
The Company, including Pipe Band,
will parade at full strength at
Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for the
purpose of receiving Camp Pay.
No pay will be distributed except
on this parade.

(c.)—Portuguese Company:—

1.—Parade: Parade on Tuesday,
January 2, at 5.30 p.m. at Head-
quarters to receive Camp Pay.
2.—Classification Tests: Stone-
cutters Range. Musketry and
Lewis Gun Tests will be fired on
Sunday, January 7. Range Officer:
Lieut. J. V. V. Remedios. Launch
will leave Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m.
and Kowloon Police Pier at 8.40
a.m. Categories "A" and "B"
will fire Lewis Gun Classification
Tests and Categories "C" and
"D" Musketry Tests. Platoon
Commanders will please see that
recruits who have not yet complet-
ed their Musketry training are
warned not to turn up on this oc-
casion.(d.)—Machine Gun Troop:—
Parade on Tuesday, January 2, at
Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.
for M.G. instruction.

(e.)—Anzac Company:—

1.—The Company will parade at
full strength on Monday, January
8, 1934, at 5.30 p.m. for Machine
Gun instruction.(f.)—First Year Men—Mechanism
and L.A.(g.)—Section Year Men—Night
Firing.Platoon Sergeants and Section
Commanders are requested to make
a point of reminding all ranks
under their command to attend
this parade and to bring their rifles
and bayonets to store.2.—Field Day on January 21,
1934.—All those men who can at-
tend the field day for constructing
and camouflaging emplacements
are asked to give their names to
their Platoon Sergeants at once.
The actual date of Field Day will
be confirmed in subsequent orders.

2.—Allotment of Peak Range.

The above Range is allotted to
O.C. Engineer Company on Sunday,
January 14, 1934.

3.—Appointment.

Lieut. J. V. V. Remedios is ap-
pointed Hon. Mess Treasurer,
Officers' Mess, with effect from
January 1, 1934.

4.—Leave.

No. 1461 L/Cpl. R. M. Wood, No.
4 Platoon, granted 12 months'
leave from January 1, 1934, to
January 1, 1935.No. 689 Spr. C. Strange, Engineer
Company, leave extends to Feb-
ruary 22, 1934.

5.—Return from Leave.

No. 2055 Pte. L. A. Hurlow resum-
ed duty from December 17, 1933.

6.—Transfer.

No. 1594 Pte. C. L. Aris, M. M. G.
Section, is transferred to Reserve
Company (Section A) as from De-
cember 31, 1933.

7.—Struck Off the Strength.

No. 725 L/Cpl. G. P. Lammert,
M.G. Troop, as from December 29,
1933.Permitted to resign:—No. 348
L/Cpl. A. Duncan, Scottish Co.,
H.Q., as from December 29, 1933.Having left the Colony:—No. 788
Pte. A. G. Gordon, No. 7 Platoon,
as from December 29, 1933 and No.
1825 Pte. J. L. Kent, No. 14 Platoon,
as from December 28, 1933.Transferred to another Port:—
No. 1535 L/Cpl. D. C. Brodie, No.
7 Platoon, as from December 23,
1933.

8.—Strength.

No. 2105 Pte. E. C. Brown, San-
itary Dept., Tel. 39/19, No. 2 Platoon,
as from December 22, 1933.
P. S. M. WILKINSON,
Captain.Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.
Hong Kong, December 28, 1933.

HENRY, THE MAGICIAN

Charity Performance At
Ko ShingMr. Henry, the well-known and
clever magician, gave his farewell
performance in Hongkong at Ko
Shing Theatre last night in aid of
the New Territories medical bene-
volent work. Mr. Henry's art is
already too well-known to need
mention here for he has appeared
at the King's Theatre and Po
King Theatre, but one cannot
help repeating his exhibition was
excellent.Apart from his drawings which
thoroughly amazed the large and
lence, his guffe in making things
appear and disappear through the
"hands quicker than the eye"
was most entertainment.

Around the Courts

SEQUEL TO CAR
COLLISIONFine of \$20 for One
and Warrant IssuedKwok Wei, the driver of car No.
419 and Un Tin Cheung, driver of
car No. 231 were summoned before
Mr. Hamilton for negligent driv-
ing, the case arising as a sequel
to a collision at West Point.The first defendant was not pre-
sent in Court, and after taking
the evidence of the constable who
served the summons, Mr. Hamilton
issued a warrant for his arrest.
Defendant was also summoned for
not parking at an appropriate
stand.Serbeant Hayward, giving evi-
dence against the second defendant,
said on December 2, there were
about ten public cars in Queen's
Road West, near Hill Road. On
his approach they all drove away.
About five minutes later, thinking
he had gone, they began return-
ing. Car No. 231 came from the
direction of Hill Road and turned
into Queen's Road West, and was
backing when it was struck from
behind by car No. 419, which was
backing in the opposite direction.
They were apparently trying to
get to their original parking places.
The rear bumper and mudguard of
No. 231 were damaged, while the
mudguard of No. 419 was slightly
damaged.Defendant denied driving neg-
ligently, but said he was station-
ary and that the other car had
struck him.Mr. Hamilton decided to convict.
Defendant admitted eight pre-
vious convictions, and the suspen-
sion of his licence for three
months.Mr. Hamilton warned him that
if he came up again, his licence
would be suspended for a year. He
now fined him \$20.CHINESE LET OFF ON
SERIOUS CHARGELack of sufficient evidence re-
garding the actual cause of the
rupture which resulted in the
death of Wong Sung Li, on De-
cember 16, caused Mr. Wynne-
Jones to discharge Tam Ping and
Chan Shun who appeared in the
Kowloon Court yesterday on
charges of manslaughter.In discharging the defendants
his Worship stated that he refus-
ed to commit them on the evi-
dence produced as the deceased's
death could have been due to
either of three things. First a
ruptured spleen caused by a blow,
secondly a spontaneous rupture,
and thirdly, by falling or knock-
ing against some hard object. In
summing up the evidence Mr.Wynne-Jones said that had death
been produced by a blow it would
be almost impossible for the pro-
secution to prove which of the
accused delivered it.

TRIAL RE-COMMENCES

The second day of the trial com-
menced with Inspector Murphy
cross examining Wong Sum Chui,
who told of his witnessing a fight
between the deceased and the two
defendants at the dye works in
which they were all employed. He
claimed that they struck the dead
man with a bamboo pole and
that he retaliated by throwing a
basket full of crockery at one of
them.Given an opportunity to ques-
tion the witness the first defend-
ant stated that the witness threw
the crockery and that the fight
only occurred when the deceased
endeavoured to claim some cloth
which was rightfully his, and
which the deceased tried to steal.Witness denied this allegations.
The second person to give evi-
dence was Wong Lum, a nineteen
year old fellow worker who after
being repeatedly warned for giving
false evidence, contradicted the
first witness and stated that he
did see the accused strike at the
deceased but did not see any blows
land. He claimed that the accus-
ed hit him with a pole.Chun Tai a married woman,
said that prior to the deceased's
death she had seen a quarrel be-
tween the first defendant and the
deceased but she did not actually
see any blows land upon either
party.His Worship then discharged
both defendants.SALESMAN SENT TO
PRISONSteals \$65 From Mess Cook
A salesman employed by the
Wing On Company, was yesterday
sentenced by Mr. Balfour for theft
of \$65 from the cook at the firm's
mess.It was stated that defendant had
been employed by the Company
for four years and his wages were
\$9 a month. About 7.30 a.m. on
December 27, the complainant
missed the key to his box and
shortly after found that \$65 had
been taken. The watchman found
the key and the complainant
suspected the defendant. Ques-
tioned, the defendant admitted
stealing, and when searched \$64
was found on him. He had stolen
the key in the first place.A young Chinese who conceal-
ed two-and-a-half pounds of
tobacco in a bundle of blankets,
in an attempt to evade duty, was
fined \$40 or three weeks in
prison, by Mr. Balfour in the
Central Magistracy yesterday.
Another Chinese was fined \$50 or
four weeks on a similar charge.
He concealed the tobacco in a
rattan basket wrapped up in a cot-
ton quilt.

U.S. DEMAND FOR STRONGER ARMY

Below The Danger
LineGeneral Douglas MacArthur,
Chief of Staff of the United
States Army, in his annual report,
declares that America's military
strength and readiness for war are
"below the danger line.""It is of the most urgent im-
portance that the army's weakness
in personnel and material," he
states, "should be rectified with-
out delay."The report, which will be sub-
mitted to President Roosevelt, con-
demns recent reductions in the
Army appropriations, and recom-
mends:An increase of army from 120-
000 to 165,000 men.Urging that the 15 per cent. cut
in the pay of enlisted men should
be restored, Gen. MacArthur de-
clared that the men "continue to
perform their duties faithfully and
efficiently," but emphasised that
the number of re-enlistments is
diminishing, while at some sta-
tions desertions have been more
numerous.These facts, he added, "indicate
some loss of that fine morale that
has always distinguished the men
of the American army."

"STATE OF UNREST"

The report (says a Reuter mes-
sage from Washington), which
was originally submitted to the
Secretary of War, Mr. George H.
Dorn, declares:"In the obvious state of unrest
now prevailing throughout the
world, evidences of which are
plainly visible even in our own
country, an efficient and depend-
able military establishment, con-
stantly responsive to the will of
its Government, constitutes a rock
of stability and one of a nation's
priceless possessions."

Although the general says the

United States does not need a mil-
itary establishment comparable to
the great armies existing in cer-
tain foreign nations, the strength
and efficiency of the professional-
civilian military system prescribed
in the National Defence Act
must be maintained.Recommendations are made by
Gen. MacArthur for that purpose,
but their immediate adoption, he
declares, will still leave the United
States with an organized army of
approximately half the size of that
which Congress, after exhaustive
study in 1920 of world war experi-
ences, deemed essential to the
country's continued safety.

OBSOLETE TANKS

Except for about a dozen mach-
ines, he says, every tank in the
army to-day is of world-war man-
ufacture, and their number entire-
ly inadequate. "He is able, how-
ever, to report continued improve-
ment in air corps equipment, and
points out that, while in its organ-
ized military forces the American
Army stands seventeenth in the
world, the United States' total air-
plane strength places it second
or third.""Moreover," he adds, "and very
important lying behind our air
corps is an industrial capacity for
any other nation."The Chief of Staff remarks that
the conception of the "nation in
arms" will not be abandoned in
future wars, but a smaller propor-
tion of populations will probably
take part in the actual fighting
than during the world war, while
more people will be engaged in
producing armaments.

A FATAL LANDSLIDE

Charlevoix, Dec. 24.
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day in a landslide which occurred
in a mine here. Havana.New
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sold, will be sold by PUBLIC
AUCTION by order of the under-
signed on SATURDAY, DECEMBER
30TH AT NOON on the Premises
of the Paris Silk Store.2. The Show Cases, etc. of the
COLUMBO JEWELLERY STORE
will be sold by Public Auction at
MESSRS. LAMMERTS' KOWLOON
AUCTION ROOMS on TUESDAY,
JANUARY 2ND AT NOON.W. J. LOCKHART-SMITH,
Official Receiver.PRESIDENT MACIA'S
ILLNESSBarcelona, Dec. 24.
The condition of President Macia
is exceedingly grave and the phy-
sicians have given up hope for re-
covery. Late reports state that
President Macia is in "a mind here."
agencies. Transocean."BERKELEY
SQUARE"

YOUR VIEWS AND MINE!

A Weekly Column of Local Gossip

By "The Scout"

THE NEW YEAR.

With the New Year falling due next week, I should like to take this opportunity of wishing readers a happy and prosperous New Year. We are so accustomed in Hongkong to celebrate two New Years, that we are apt to overlook the fact that January 1 is also New Year's Day for the Chinese community, since the observance of the Lunar New Year is officially proscribed by Nanking. In Hongkong, the change from the lunar calendar to the Gregorian appears to have failed so far, and it is safe to say that practically the whole Chinese community still look upon the first day of the first moon as New Year's Day, and that all the festivities and celebrations are kept back for that period.

SHOP WINDOW DISPLAY

I wonder how many of the people who went out during Christmas week to do their shopping noticed the attractive shop window displays in the city. Not so many years ago, such a thing as a shop window display was an art confined only to the shops which catered for the better class, but the idea has spread tremendously during the past two years, and those who went around with their eyes open last week must have been struck by the skill and ingenuity shown by the many shops in the city. It would be unfair to draw attention to any particular one, but in Peddar Street there was one shop with so attractive a layout that most of the pedestrians who passed stopped and looked at it.

STORY OF A BANK DRAFT

A very interesting story reaches me from a reader this week about a fifty-year-old bank draft. The document, I am told was a first of exchange for \$10,000 remitted from one of the Coastal ports to Hongkong in 1884. Whether the second of exchange has been cashed or otherwise is not known.

KOWLOON BUS COMPANY

28 Vehicles Out Of Order

William S. T. Louis, of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company, was summoned before Mr. Wynne-Jones at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday for failing to keep the schedule on different routes, on December 5 and 13.

Mr. Louis was not in Court but a representative of the Company answered the summons on his behalf, and addressing the defendant, Mr. Wynne-Jones said, "you accepted a franchise to run a bus service in Kowloon and you have to see that the service is maintained."

It was stated by Traffic Inspector Saunders that on December 5 the Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence was waiting outside the Yau Ma Tei Police Station for a No. 12 bus for over half an hour between 9 and 9.30 a.m. During that period there should have been three buses.

At 5.45 a.m. on the same day, Warder Ashby got off the Star Ferry and had to wait until after 6 a.m. before he could get a bus to take him to Latchikok, with the result that he was late for duty.

His Worship: What have you got to say?

Defendant: There was no room in our garage the night before; we had to keep out buses in Kowloon City. This was the cause of the delay.

His Worship: You accepted a franchise to run a bus service in Kowloon and you have to see that the service is maintained. I am not concerned with whether you have room in your garage or not. You have to maintain the service.

One summons alleged that a bus was missing on the No. 8 Route at noon on December 13. Inspector Saunders said he was checking up the buses at the junction of Jordan Road and Nathan Road and from noon until 12.10 p.m. there was no bus on the No. 8 Route.

Another summons was that a bus was missing on the No. 13 Route at about the same time.

28 Buses Out Of Order. Inspector Saunders added he visited the garage on the same day and found 28 buses out of order. Under those circumstances, the Company could not be expected to maintain their schedule.

His Worship: How is the position now?

since the records of the bank concerned do not go back so far. The draft was found in a Chinese village. A Chinese family observing a trunk which years ago had been brought to the village from Hongkong in a battered condition, opened it to examine the contents. They found nothing of value and the draft was given to the children to play with. One of the young men of the village, however, could read English and made out the nature of the document. It was immediately sent to Hongkong, but so far I have not heard whether it has been cashed or rejected.

THAT WANCHAI "LUNG"

For some time now workmen have been seen working away at that open space in Wanchai.

Apparently an attempt is being made to level the "lung" and this seems to be a move in the right direction since the many puddles of water accumulating on this area following a shower of rain made it an excellent breeding place for mosquitoes. The "lung" proved very popular during the summer months, when it was generally crowded at night, but in these cold days it is deserted except during the day.

\$4,000 NEEDED.

I understand that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, in order to carry out their usual programme of charitable work among the poor and aged of Hongkong, will have to look very hard for funds. The Society does not wish to withdraw or even curtail their charity because all those who had been receiving help in the past were deserving cases. It is not generally realised that most of those who receive help are Chinese, and have been long residents of the Colony. It is proposed in the near future to make a special drive for funds and in this connection it is hoped that the response from the community will be a generous one.

HOTEL WITH AN UNDERGROUND GARAGE

Solution Of Parking Problem

A lead in the solution of the garage problem for hotels and theatres is being given by the huge new Cumberland Hotel at the Marble Arch, which is being opened next month. Under the buildings to the east of the hotel has been constructed a big garage capable of holding five hundred cars, which will enter and leave by ramps from the side and back streets. Short of "making Hyde Park a park," as some enthusiasts have recommended, this is the ideal solution, and the experience of the Cumberland Hotel management in the making and running of this underground hotel garage should be valuable to other entertainment caterers and to municipal authorities.

The theatrical district at night is becoming a horror to owners, drivers, who want to come into town in their cars for a night's pleasure, which the wasted time and general annoyance over the disposal of their cars often ruins. Another worry to car-owners in the pleasure zone at night is that the many tip-gathering doormen at theatres are favouring taxi-cabs, beckoning them to the doors, holding back the private cars, whose owners are waiting. It is prophesied that there will never be another big theatre or music-hall or hotel built in London without an underground garage.

AND NO LICENCE

Clerk at Willesden to witness who had no material evidence to give—Why did you come to the court?

Witness—Oh, just to listen in!

FOR "AFTERS"

"What! A little man like you a lion tamer?"

"That's my secret, gov'nor—the lions is waiting for me to grow a little larger."

Inspector Saunders: It is better now, your Worship.

A fine of \$15 was imposed in respect of each absent bus; the total fine on the two summonses being \$30.

His Worship: I'll increase the fine if the Company does not do something about it.

H.K. AMUSEMENTS NAVAL AIR-MAIL LETTER MEETING

(Special Air-Mail Service)

Postponed For Fortnight By Request

SHAREHOLDERS WANT NEWS OF NEGOTIATIONS

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Amusement Limited was put back a fortnight yesterday, when Mr. D. L. Strellett, representing a number of shareholders made a motion to that effect on the ground that the postponement would allow the Directors to make an announcement to shareholders with regard to certain important questions pending between Hongkong Amusement Limited and the United Theatres Incorporated of Shanghai.

A glowing tribute was paid by the chairman, Mr. J. M. Noronha to the work done by the Company by the late Mr. J. H. Backhouse, who died since the last annual meeting. The gathering stood up in silence for a moment as a tribute to Mr. Backhouse's memory.

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said: "Gentlemen:—Before proceeding with the regular business of the meeting, it is my melancholy duty to refer to the serious loss that this Company has sustained since our last annual meeting. I refer, of course, to the lamented death, last February, of the late chairman of the Company, Mr. James Herbert Backhouse. Mr. Backhouse took no inactive part in the expansion of Hongkong Amusement Limited and was its chairman for almost 8 years. Mr. Backhouse's genial presence, fair-minded judgment and controlling hand are greatly missed by his colleagues on your Board, who feel that his absence causes a hiatus hard, indeed to fill.

I have the honour, gentlemen, to propose from the chair that the sincere condolences of the members of this Company be transmitted to Mrs. Backhouse. It is, I consider, unnecessary that such a motion should be seconded and I would, therefore, ask you all to rise in your places in token of your unanimous approval thereof."

Mr. D. L. Strellett: Before you proceed with the business of this meeting I beg to propose that this meeting stand adjourned for a period of 14 days from to-day. I may here say that the reason for my proposal is, as shareholders will see from the report, that there is at the present moment pending litigation a certain important question between this Company and the United Theatres Incorporated of Shanghai. I understand that representatives of the Shanghai Company are at present in Hongkong and that there is considerable prospect of this outstanding question being resolved in the near future. The figures themselves are eloquent of the importance of the questions which are outstanding and I feel sure that it is of the utmost interest to the shareholders of this Company that such important questions should be resolved, that they should have an opportunity of hearing the outcome.

Needless to say that if the business of this meeting is to-day concluded, the shareholders would not have this opportunity until probably the next annual meet. For these reasons I propose that the meeting to-day stands adjourned for fourteen days.

Mr. Peter Sin: I beg to second that motion.

The motion on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously. Those present at the meeting were Mr. J. M. Noronha (Chairman), Messrs. Lo Kan, Ko Leung Ho, Grant Mark, Lee In Cheung, Ho, Grant Chin (Directors), Mr. B. Ma Tsui Chin (Director), Messrs. J. Armstrong (for the Company), Mr. C. S. Rossetti (Secretary) and the following shareholders: Messrs. D. M. Biggar, D. L. Strellett, Peter H. Sin and Sin Wai Man.

£20,500 FOR ART TREASURE

Lord Duveen's Bid In New York

To the applause of the largest crowd to attend any New York art auction for many years, Lord Duveen, at the sale of the Thomas Fortune Ryan collection yesterday, paid about £20,500 for a marble bust by Francesco Laurana, the fifteenth-century Italian sculptor.

Made probably in about 1475, the bust depicts a young woman, with downcast eyes and long hair coiled in a rope about the back of her head, and tied with ribbons. It is generally believed to represent Princess Beatrice of Aragon, whose reputation for beauty caused King Matthias of Hungary to make her his Queen in 1476. She was the daughter of King Ferdinand of Naples.

Among other bidders anxious to secure the bust are believed to have been representatives of the Hungarian Government and of the Metropolitan Museum of Art here. The price paid by Lord Duveen—£102,500—is the highest ever paid here since the depression went into prices tumbling.

London, Dec. 13. The Admiralty notified the following appointments yesterday: Engr. Cmdr.—A. C. Wippell, to Victory for Portsmouth Dockyard, Dec. 27.

Cmdr. (R.)—J. L. M. Stevenson, to Amphion, Dec. 28. Payr. Cmdr.—T. H. Trust, to Lucia, on recomng, Jan. 1. Lt.-Cmdrs.—G. E. O. Wood, to Centurion, Jan. 1; R. J. H. Ryan, to Vernon, Jan. 2; B. L. Moore, E. I. R. Leighton, and J. P. Wright, to Dryad, for Tactical Course, Jan. 8; and F. G. Wynne, to Osprey, Jan. 25; and A. Brock (Flt.-Lt., R.A.F.), to Victory, for R.A.F. base, Gosport, Dec. 11; and to Orion, on commg.

Chaplains.—Rev. H. Goulding, M.A., to Cornwall; and Rev. O. H. R. Coep to Vivid, for R.N.B., Jan. 2; and Rev. G. W. Page, A.K.C., to Malaya, Jan. 10.

Surg. Lt.-Cmdr.—C. R. Boland, M.B., to Vivid, for R.N.B., Nov. 22. Payr. Lt.-Cmdr.—C. R. Allen, to Froehner, Dec. 28; H. C. Lockyer, to Pembroke, Jan. 8; and J. E. Pithworth, to Tamar, Feb. 9.

Lt.-J. J. Burnett, to Skate, Jan. 9; and G. W. Hawkins, to Iron Duke, Jan. 4.

Surg. Lt.-A. L. Moorthy, to Seahorse, far courses, Dec. 23, and to Keppel, Feb. 7, amended orders.

Payr. Lt.-C. E. J. Yonger, to Nelson, Dec. 30; H. H. L. Shewell, to Osprey, Jan. 15; and A. A. Lovelidge, to Tamar, Feb. 9.

Wt. Engrs.—A. C. A. Johnson, to Cornwall; and C. H. Down, to Trojan, Dec. 28; and H. A. MacDonald and T. F. Clunn, to Devonshire, Dec. 29.

Lieut.—H. A. V. Haggard, to Seahorse (Nov. 9); and H. R. White, to Dundalk (Jan. 2).

Sub-Lts.—C. C. Lowry, to Alford (Dec. 25); R. H. Griffiths, to Salburn; F. W. Ramsey, to Basilisk (appt. to Valorous cancelled); and P. J. Thornhill, to Valorous (Dec. 29); W. L. Mayo, P. A. R. Bremridge, N. R. Williams, M. C. Hoskin, and M. J. A. O'Sullivan, attached to R.A.F. (Jan. 14).

Cd. Shipts.—J. E. Warner, to Tamar, for Hong-kong Yard (Feb. 1); and H. L. Metters, to Caradoc (on relief).

Lieut. (E.)—M. H. Sayers, to Shropshire (Dec. 13).

Payr. Lt.—G. D. Ardron, to Orion (Jan. 1).

Sub-Lts.—G. S. Ward, to Cornwall, on recomng. (Dec. 19); T. F. Taylor, to Sussex (Jan. 2); E. B. Bull, to Valiant; A. F. Paterson, to Cumberland; and E. Ingram, to Iron Duke (Jan. 5); and N. T. O'Neill, to Barham, on recomng.

Payr. Cmdr.—G. E. L. Hargreaves, to Medway, Feb. 9.

Payr. Lt.-Cmdr.—R. H. Johnson, lent to RAN, Feb. 1.

Lt.—J. H. Unwin, to Devonshire, Dec. 28; W. R. J. Redman, to Sussex, Jan. 1; J. L. Radbone, to Queen Elizabeth; and A. H. Thorold, to Ark Royal.

CRUISER FOR CHINA

The cruiser-mine-layer Adventure, Captain J. V. V. Magrane, will complete a refit at Devonport to-day which she has undergone preparatory to her transfer to the China Station. The Adventure will serve as a spare cruiser in the Far East while the five ships of the Kent class are being withdrawn in succession for refit and recommissioning at home.

The Adventure will recommission on December 28, when Captain Magrane will be succeeded in command by Captain W. H. Gell, D.S.O., who has been attending the 1933 course at the Imperial Defence College. Commander H. T. W. Pavesy will be succeeded as executive officer by Commander W. O. Scrymgeour-Wedderburn, D.S.O., late of the Naval Intelligence Division. The Adventure will leave Devonport on January 8 for Portsmouth, where she will be until the 15th before leaving for her new station.

RELIEFS FOR SLOOP

The programme approved for the relief of sloops on the China and Africa stations is announced. H. M. S. Cornflower, Commander E. W. Bush, D.S.O., will leave China in April next. The new sloop Grimsby, which is to replace her, will arrive in October, 1934.

The Bridgewater, Commander J. S. Mackenzie-Grieve, will leave China in January, 1935, and the new sloop Lowestoft, will arrive in her place in March, 1935. The Bridgewater is to be transferred to the Africa Station, where she should arrive in February, 1935. There she will replace the Daedalus, Commander W. P. Stocker, D.S.O., which is ordered to leave for home in August, 1934.

Meeting, the Rochester, Commander H. D. Owen, is to come home to recommission from the Africa Station, leaving in May and returning in July, 1934.

BRITANNIA TERM REUNION

A reunion dinner of naval cadets who joined H.M.S. Britannia in January, 1930, and passed out in January, 1937, is being held on Thursday evening at the Army and Navy Club. It is hoped that about 20 of the term will be able to

tend. The cadets joining this term numbered 73, of whom 70 passed out and went to sea in September, 1937. The present state of the term is:—Active list, 6; retired list, 39; deceased, 21; left the Service, 4. Eight members of the term have reached flag rank (11.4 per cent.), 14 the rank of captain (30 per cent.). Those still serving are Vice-Admiral W. M. James, commanding the Battle Cruiser Squadron in H.M.S. Hood; Rear-Admiral D. B. N. North, late Chief of Staff, Home Fleet; Rear-Admiral E. J. Hardman-Jones, now Captain L. G. E. Crabbe, late Senior Naval Officer, Persian Gulf; Commodore R. C. Davenny, commanding the R.N. Barracks, Chatham; and Captain R. S. MacFarlane, Captain-Superintendent of Sheerness Dockyard. Of the 91 who who died, six were casualties of the late war.

NAVY CONSTRUCTION

Nearly a score of ships should be completed for the Royal Navy during 1934, and the number would be somewhat larger but for the postponement of shipbuilding during 1931-32. The total will be composed of smaller units—destroyers, submarines, sloops, and the like—as after the Orion and Neptune, which have already run their trials, enter service in January and February no other cruiser is due for completion until the late spring of 1935, unless the forthcoming Estimates make provision for a quickening up of the rate of building on the 24 years hitherto taken for cruisers.

The principal units to enter service should be the torpedo flotilla of the 1931 Estimates, the flotilla leader Exmouth and eight destroyers of the Eclipse type. They were laid down between March and May, 1933, and if no delays ensue should be ready for trials in 18 months from the laying of their keels. The sloops which are expected to enter service number eight, and belong to two programmes, 1931 and 1932. These smaller and less expensive ships are built in a shorter period than the destroyers, not more than 15 months. The four of 1931 are the Grimsby and Leith, at Devonport Dockyard, and the Halkyon and Skipjack at Clydebank. They were laid down between January and April last, and will come into service between April and July, 1934. One Grimsby and Leith will replace the Cornflower in China and the Veronicas in New Zealand respectively; the other two will be employed in home waters.

The sloops of the 1932 programme are the Lowestoft and Wellington, at Devonport Dockyard, and the Harrier and Hussar, at Southampton. Laid down between July and September last, they should be ready during the last quarter of 1934. It is doubtful whether all three of the submarines authorized in 1931 will be finished, as their keels were not laid until between March and June, 1933. They are the Svern, of the ocean-going Thames class, building at Barrow; the Senkion, at Birkenhead; and the Shark, at Chatham Dockyard, both of the smaller Swordfish type. In every case the new ships are for replacement purposes, and older vessels will be paid off.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Totallings of \$27,795 Approved

At the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council held yesterday eight items of supplementary expenditure totalling \$27,795 were approved. Particulars of these items had been given in Thursday's issue of the "Daily Press."

The Hon. Sir Thomas Southern presided at the meeting, and others present were—The Hon. Mr. B. Henderson, The Hon. Mr. M. J. Breen, The Hon. Sir Henry Ponock, The Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, The Hon. Mr. B. P. Bragg, The Hon. Mr. S. W. Tao, The Hon. Mr. T. N. Chao and The Hon. Mr. Paul Lander.

THREAT TO KIDNAP MILLIONAIRE

Demand On Sears, Roebuck Chairman For \$30,000

Philadelphia, Dec. 23. Mr. Leasing J. Rosenwald, the millionaire chairman of the Board of the Sears, Roebuck Company said to-day that he had been threatened by a man who demanded \$30,000.

He declared that it was the second extortion plot against him in recent months.

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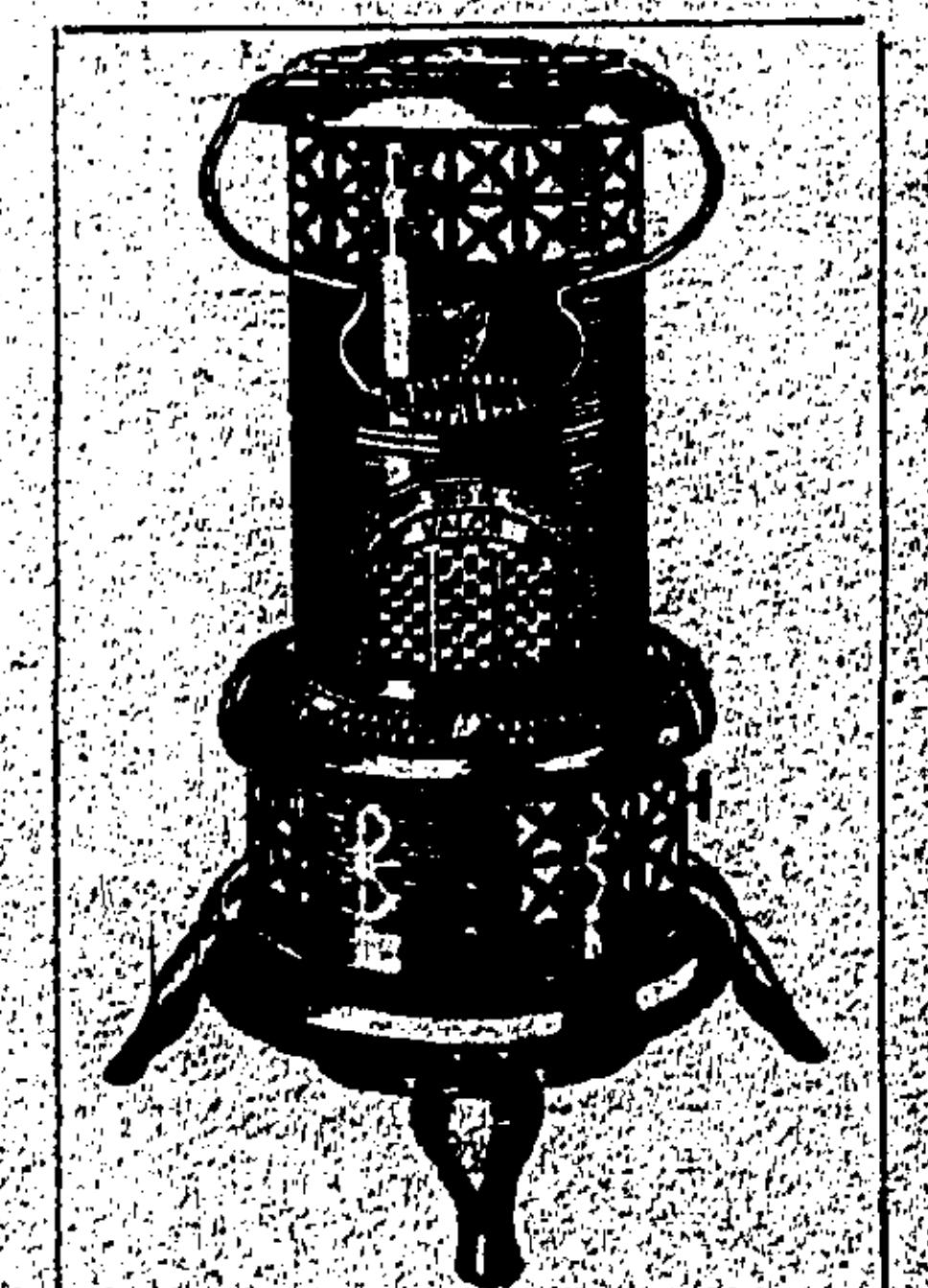
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NEW YEAR'S DAY.

ON account of the Exchange Restaurant having been privately engaged on the night of January 1st, 1934, it will be closed to the Public after 7 p.m.

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NOTICE.

THE FIFTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, Mercantile Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Saturday, the 30th day of December, 1933, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the financial year ended 30th September, 1933, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 23rd December, 1933, until Saturday, 13th January, 1934, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
NOEL BRAGA,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 18th December, 1933.

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BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Government Ordinance, The EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the TRANSACTION OF PUBLIC BUSINESS ON MONDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1934. (NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS).
Hong Kong, 27th December, 1933.

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NOTICE.

VIOLET CAPELL DANCING ACADEMY New Term commences 2nd JANUARY 1934. Classes will be held on the same days and at the same times as previously.

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THE FANLING HUNT AND RACE CLUB.

It is particularly requested that intending riders in the St. John's Cup only WALK-AND DO NOT RIDE—the course before the Race.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE ESTATE MARIA GOMES DE CARVALHO, Late of No. 7, AUSTIN AVENUE, KOWLOON, IN THE COLONY OF HONG KONG, MARRIED WOMAN, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of the provisions of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897, made an Order limiting the time for Creditors and others to send in their Claims against the above Estate to 19th JANUARY, 1934.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their Claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

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LOCAL MAPS

Peak District,
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MALTA'S FUTURE

The recent political upset in Malta could scarcely have come as a surprise to anyone who has followed events in the Mediterranean of late years. The final closing down of the vernacular press was an action necessitated by the distinctly anti-British, biased and propagandist opinions expressed. As the Naval Bulletin has expressed it, "the point assumes wider importance on account of the supreme prominence of Malta in the strategic chain of our Naval defences. The pro-Italian sentiment which has brought about the recent crisis in Maltese politics is naturally very well-known in Italy. For a long time past a large and influential section of the Italian Press has been insisting that Malta must be returned to Italy—a demand which rather ignores the fact that throughout its variegated history it has never belonged to Italy."

It must be stated that the Italian Government has kept entirely aloof from this intermittent Press Crusade, though it is at the same time absurd to suppose that Rome has not cast a hopeful eye on the island. Malta occupies a strategically dominant position in Mediterranean waters and has a harbour of "Grand Fleet" capacity. Nelson's activities in the Mediterranean clearly demonstrated the convenience of Malta as a Naval Base. The great Admiral considered it of extreme value and it was so in his day, of how much greater value is it to-day with the immense stream of British shipping that passes through the Suez Canal. A British fleet stationed at Malta is superimposed between Europe and the fleet of any Great Power east of Suez. Further, it would be in a position to keep

open those lines of communication on which Great Britain relies for her very existence in any state of war.

It is directly due to Napoleon's keen eye for points of strategic importance that Malta came under British rule. The French Emperor managed to gain possession of the island from the Knights of St. John in 1798 through an act of subterfuge, planting his troops there; but it was not long before the inhabitants were seething with resentment. For two years the Maltese sought to eject the French without success, eventually calling in the aid of the British. The exploit of General Pigot, who, with a party of British civilians, forced the French Garrison to surrender, is too well-known to need recounting. The British proposed to return the island to the Knights of St. John, but the Maltese objected and the result was a cession to the British Crown which was ratified at the Treaty of Amiens.

We have given this brief resume of the later history of Malta in order to make it clear that the Italian claim is entirely unfounded. It is quite possible that the temperament of the Maltese finds a closer affinity with the Italian than the British, but for that matter so might it with the French. The pro-Italian sentiment of the island is more noticeable among the so-called "better classes," though it is by no means a general feeling even with them.

It is only to be hoped that the Italian Press will not be too persistent in fostering the avowed sentiment of a minority who happen to be that section of the Maltese which constitutes the "parliamentary class." This would only tend to create another complication in a world already bristling with problems.

ARCTIC CONDITION IN AMERICA

Many People Frozen To Death

New York, Dec. 28. The Arctic conditions in the United States are taking a severe toll of life from Maine to Montana.

Bodies have been found frozen to death in the streets of at least a dozen cities. Three workmen were killed at Lake Superior when an ice-plough crashed through the ice.

—Reuter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENGAGEMENT

CHAPMAN-GUILLET.—The engagement is announced of Mrs. Zina Guillet, of Shanghai, to Mr. Harold James Chapman, son of Mr. F. W. Chapman and the late Mrs. Chapman, of Bromley Common, Kent.

DEATHS

McINTYRE.—On Dec. 6, 1933, suddenly, Robert Williams McIntyre, of Apple Cottage, Ideford, Devon, and of Hong-kong.

MACKAY.—On Dec. 6, 1933, at Bordighera, Inn Stuart Mackay, late of the Irrigation Department.

AYSCOUGH.—On Dec. 6, 1933, at Guernsey, Francis Ayscough, beloved husband of Florence Ayscough, aged 73. Funeral arrangements later. (China papers, please copy.)

ANDERSON.—On Dec. 6, 1933, in Tongking, of pneumonia, Stella (Benson), wife of James O'Gorman Anderson, Chinese Customs, Pak-hoi, S. China. (By cable.) Memorial Service at Easthope, Sunday, Dec. 10, 11 a.m., and at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, Friday, Dec. 15, 12 noon.

OBITUARY

Field-Marshal Von Krobatin

Vienna, Dec. 29. The death has occurred of Field-Marshal von Krobatin, Austrian Minister of War at the time of the outbreak of the World War, in which he later served as commander of the Tenth Austrian Army.—Reuter.

MAIL NEWS FROM CHINA

Hangchow Kiangshan Railway

Hangchow, Dec. 21. The ceremony inaugurating the formal operation of service on the entire length of the newly-built Hangchow-Kiangshan Railway was held at Kiangshan Station, in western Chekiang, yesterday. A large number of representatives of the various public organizations in Hangchow attended the function. It will only cost \$6.15 to travel a distance of 347 kilometers between Hangchow and Yushan, in eastern Kiangsi, along the Chekiang-Kiangsi border.—Kuomintang.

TWO NEW GUNBOATS

Nanking, Dec. 23. The two newly-built gunboats, Wei Ning and Su Ning, will be formally commissioned for coastal defence on New Year's Day, according to an order of the Naval Ministry. The two cruisers, it may be recalled, were launched on Oct. 10, National Independence Day.

It is learnt that work on two other gunboats, the Chung Ning and I Ning, is proceeding satisfactorily at the Kiangnan Docks.—Kuomintang.

SINO SIAMESE COMMERCIAL TREATY

Nanking, Dec. 21. It is reported that negotiations for the conclusion of a Sino-Siamese Commercial Agreement, are being held by representatives of the Chinese and Siamese Governments. The agreement will be similar to the Sino-French Commercial Agreement re. Annam, it is understood.—Kuomintang.

RAIL SMASH AT WEIHINGCHEN

Chengchow, Dec. 21. Six persons were killed and two locomotives and four wagons destroyed when two freight trains on the Lung-Hai Railway collided at Weihingchen Station, in north-western Honan, yesterday. The cause of the accident, it is reported, was due to the engineer of the west-bound train losing control of the brakes when the train was nearing the station. Immediately upon receipt of the report, a party of engineers headed by Mr. Chien Tsung Tse, Managing Director of the Lung Hai Railway Administration, rushed to the spot to clear the debris and repair the tracks.—Kuomintang.

PROGRESS IN KWANGSI

Canton, Dec. 21. Demonstrating the great progress made in Kwangsi province, a Nanning despatch states that all rickshaws have been abolished in the province and that the chief means of communication is the motor omnibus. No soldiers are stationed along the districts between Wuchow and Nanning, the provincial capital. Local militia are efficiently maintaining peace and order in that part of the province.—Kuomintang.

FLEET CONCERT

Large Attendance At New Canteen Theatre

Those who were in any way connected with the Fleet Concert given last night at the New Naval Canteen have good reason to be proud of their efforts, for it was the unanimous opinion of all those who saw it that the concert was an unqualified success.

The new and spacious theatre of the Canteen was filled to capacity and the various items went down very well. The artists must have given considerable time over the rehearsal as their contributions reached a very high standard.

The concert was produced by Commander J. E. Sissmore, D.S.C., of the Commodore Staff and Lieut.-Commander Lawrence of H.M.S. Medway, for Mrs. Elliott in aid of the Women's Guild and M.C.C.

Previous to the concert an official dinner was given on board H.M.S. Tamar by Commodore and Mrs. Elliott, at which were present H.E. the Governor, Sir William Peel and Lady Peel, H.E. Major-General O. C. Barrett and Mrs. Barrett, H.E. Admiral Sir Frederick Dreyer and Mrs. Dreyer, Commander and Mrs. Sissmore, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Mackintosh, Lieut. Commander and Mrs. Toms, Paymaster Commander and Mrs. Porter, Colonel and Mrs. Crowe, Lieut. Elliott and Mrs. Whitlam, Captain Walter, and Captain Mears.

The whole of the official party attended the concert and amongst others present at the new theatre were His Honour Mr. Justice Lindell, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Mrs. Alabaster and Miss Alabaster, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mrs. Wolfe and Miss Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Shields and Miss Varty, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. R. Shaw, Professor and Mrs. Gerrard and Miss Gerrard, Dr. S. S. Strahan, Mr. and Mrs. Strafford Smith, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. N. Tinson, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholls, Commander and Mrs. MacCartan, Colonel and Mrs. MacCartan, Colonel and Mrs. Marsden, Commander and Mrs. Cowland, Captain Willis, Commodore Thompson, Major and Mrs. Atkinson, Colonel and Mrs. Bulderbeck and Miss Bulderbeck, Captain and Mrs. Poland, Captain and Mrs. Sedgwick, Captain and Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. E. W. Hamilton and Mr. D. L. Strutt.

The Concert.

There were in all twenty-two items on the concert programme and it is difficult to say which was the most enjoyable. Certainly "Coleman and Gibbs" at the piano in the first half provoked the most laughter, but then the exhibition of club and sword swinging (Phillips) drew as much applause because of the skill displayed by the performer.

The wireless broadcast which brought the first half of the programme to a close was a clever piece of work which was full of wit and humour.

The Minstrels who opened the second half of the programme with a series of songs, proved very popular while the feminine impersonation later in the programme provoked much laughter. The conjuring act was clever and the grand finale came all too soon. The programme was very acceptable and was much enjoyed by those who were privileged to see it.

ADMIRAL OPENS THEATRE

The theatre was opened by Admiral Sir Frederick Dreyer on Thursday night, and in doing so he said:—

"On my way to a Ball at Government House, I have come to open your new theatre and to wish you men of the China Fleet the best of luck in the new venture. I am extremely sorry that the weather is so bad for the first night but still I am glad to see that quite a number of good sportsmen have come to give a good start to their new theatre and I hope when you get going that you will always have full houses. I much admired the performance just given by five members of the Eagle, who have come in from Junk Bay, where they are shortly returning again. I am particularly glad to be supported on the stage by Commodore Elliott, O.B.E., of Hong Kong, and the Flag Captain of the Kent, Captain Mills, D.S.O., both of whom have done so much to provide all of us with entertainments and many opportunities for taking exercise. You have now a stage and a very fine theatre, I hope its possession will lead to many enjoyable evenings listening to concerts and making theatrical entertainments."

MODERN THEATRE. Although not a big theatre, it is modern in design, with acoustic properties and modern equipment. It beats any other canteen theatre in any of our naval ports and I am sure this fact will encourage all of you to start working up your theatrical talent.

"This theatre is, as you know, part of the enormous building the new Naval Canteen, which is nearing completion next door; in fact, it should be opened by 1st February. Owing to street widening operations and general improvements being made to the town, the old Canteen is going to be pulled down, and you will be glad to change over from that dark and dingy old building to one which, as far as I can see, more nearly resembles the Ritz Hotel.

"As compensation, the Hong Kong Government have presented the new site which I think you will agree is one of the best in the colony. They have also given a sum of \$154,000 as compensation for the old building. The Admiralty have made a grant, totaling \$179,000 and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank \$25,000 and the Weihaiwei Canteen \$59,000.

"Many residents in the Colony are coming down to see this New Theatre to-morrow night; that is, Friday night, to hear the excellent performance voluntarily put up by representatives from the whole China Fleet. His Excellency Sir William Peel and Lady Peel, who are greatly interested, are coming. My wife and I are greatly looking forward to the performance. When the idea was first started, it was intended to be quite a small show and to be given in the "Tamar."

FUNDS NEEDED. It was suggested, however, that an occasion might be made for (Continued at foot of next column.)

NEWS SUMMARY

Our Macao Supplement appears on Page 3.

Scottish Air Mail Letter Page 1. Engineering and Building Supplement appears on Page 2.

The first extra race meeting of Macao Jockey Club will be held on January 14, a programme of which appears on Page 3.

"Morning Dew" has given his selections for the New Year's Eve Meeting of the Fanning Hunt and Race Club to-morrow. Page 11.

Naval appointments received by special air mail appears on Page 7.

The meeting of the Finance Committee yesterday appears on Page 7.

"Around the Courts" Page 6.

Z.B.W. Wireless programme for Saturday and Sunday appears on Page 4.

The Annual Meeting of Hong-kong Amusements Limited was deferred for a fortnight at the request of shareholders for whom Mr. D. L. Strutt acted as spokesman. Page 7.

JAPAN TO CELEBRATE

Birth Of Crown Prince

Tokyo, Dec. 29. Time-honoured customs and elaborate ritual, dating from remotest antiquity, marked this morning's ceremony at which the Crown Prince, who was born on December 23, was named Tsugumichi Akihito, literally the princely heir of enlightened benevolence.

While the ancient Shinto rites were being performed within the Palace, the guns of warships lying in Tokyo Bay were booming salutes, which were mingled with the roar of guns on land.

The whole nation is celebrating the joyous and auspicious occasion. The city is bedecked while a monster lantern procession has been planned for this evening, which will finally converge on the Palace. Public festivities are being held all day.—Reuter.

CHINESE STATE LOTTERY

Some Of The Lucky Tickets

Shanghai, December 29. In the presence of a huge excited crowd the drawing for the third State Lottery began at the Casino-Rome this morning, with Chinese and foreign announcers broadcasting the results to friends groups all over the city.

The first big prize to be drawn was the second prize, which was won by the ticket No. 138990.

The second of the two second prizes of \$100,000 each has been drawn by number 68244.

The first prize of \$500,000 was drawn at 11.40 this morning by ticket No. 313,817.—Reuter.

The third prizes of \$50,000 each go to Nos. 9302, 310557, 189,857 and 351240.

The first prize ticket was sold by a local exchange shop in fractions, while one of the second prizes is believed to have been sold in Nanking.—Reuter.

BAN ON GERMAN WAR BOOK

"All Quiet On The Western Front"

Berlin, Dec. 23.

The Prussian police have ordered the confiscation of all copies of "All Quiet On The Western Front," by Erich Maria Remarque, the German novelist.

When the book was published in 1929, it swept over Germany like a gospel, and 500,000 copies were sold in no less than three months from publication.—Reuter.

advertising your new theatre round the Fleet and round the Colony, with a view to raising funds for the Canteen Building. So, instead, we hired this theatre to give a lead to others to do the same. The Hong Kong Amateur Dramatic Society are already under contract to hire it for one of their well-known performances this winter, and special arrangements are being made to give a performance of men of the Fleet free of charge. It is hoped also that all ships will put up some entertainment or dances in order to make money to pay off the huge debt as soon as possible.

In conclusion, in case I do not have the opportunity of seeing you before the New Year starts, I wish you all a Happy New Year and the best of luck to your new Theatre and Canteen."

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Mr. Peter Grant, A.S.P., returned from Home leave on board the P. & O. s.s. Corfu.

The Bishop of Hongkong will not hold the usual discussion class to day nor on Friday, January 5.

Commander and Mrs. C.T. Addis returned to the Colony from Manila by the s.s. President Hoover.

One case each of diphtheria, enteric and Septicemia were reported in the Colony for the 24 hours ended December 28.

The Sincere Co., Ltd., announce that on January 1 and 2 all their stores will be closed for New Year holidays, reopening on Wednesday, January 3, 1934.

Owing to the fact that the grounds were rendered unfit for play on by the rain, several hockey matches which were down to be played yesterday had to be cancelled.

Madam Lottie Gordon has arranged a fine programme for Tuesday next at the Artie Museo Room, at 6.30 p.m. Madam Gordon will play a Bachmann Chopin piano group in addition to a repeating (by request) her Australian compositions and monologues for the Army and the Navy (also written by her). Songs will be rendered by Mrs. Wilcox and other singers, also a French recitation by Madame Dobronaux. The proceeds will be in aid of local charity funds and the free musical education of young artists.

Mr. Wm. Morris the Manager of the British American Tobacco Co. (China) Ltd. for the Far East arrived in Hongkong by the President Hoover.

It is learned that Sub-Inspector F. T. James, of the Central Police Station, has been promoted to full Inspector, while Sergeant B. Thorpe has been made a Sub-Inspector.

Mr. E. S. Cunningham, U.S. Consul-General in Shanghai, arrived here from Manila by the s.s. President Hoover, accompanied by his wife. They are on their way back to Shanghai after a holiday.

Mr. C. Ranganatha Rao, Trade Commissioner in London for the Mysore Government, arrived here from Manila by the s.s. President Hoover, accompanied by his wife.

The time signal given by means of lights at 9 p.m. from the Royal Observatory will be repeated at midnight on December 31, the termination of the programme signifying the end of the year 1933.

The Canton Telephone Administration announces the new rates for long distance calls between Canton and Hongkong. For the ordinary station-to-station call, the charge of \$2.70 (Canton currency) is increased to \$3 and for the particular person or special service call, the cost is increased from \$3.60 to \$4.20. If a subscriber wants an extension of time he will be charged \$1.50 instead of 90 cents for the ordinary call and \$1.40 for the special service call. The new rates will be effective as from January 1.

THE AMERICAN GOLD ORDER

A Serious Handicap To Commercial Houses INFLUX OF THE METAL INTO LONDON

London, December 29. It was pointed out in London that the American gold order is a serious handicap to commercial houses holding bullion cover against commitments, but it was stated that the gold purchased abroad will be used as a substitute. The effect on the London Exchange Market is small and the order is considered only for tightening up the existing regulations. The influx of gold into London continues on a large scale and between December 18-23 nearly seven million sterling worth was imported apart from one million from South Africa. The rest is the result of the present abnormal conditions, and the largest item was from Switzerland, representing the shifting of hoarded gold. The same applies to the smaller amounts from Holland and France, and one million from the Argentine, probably in connection with the external debt payment. A similar amount is shortly expected.—Reuter.

MORE PURCHASES
Washington, December 29. Through the purchase of 785 million dollars worth of preferred stock and capital notes to-day, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation are now interested in 3,683 American banks with a total capital and surplus exceeding 1,230 million dollars.—Reuter.

ONLY A START

New York, December 29. The New York gold edict is regarded as a preliminary to the eventual devaluation of the dollar by Washington correspondents. While the New York Times asserts that the Treasury denied the action, had any direct relation whatever with the broader monetary plan which might be followed, the Herald Tribune declares that Congress inflationists consider it a further step to corner all gold in preparation of the centralization of gold as even the Federal Reserve Banks have \$3,700,000,000 Gold stock in the Treasury itself. Senator Connolly asserts the banks should be forced to surrender their stocks and Congress would be willing to pass a legislation giving the Government \$4,000,000,000 dollars profit through the devaluation of the dollar.—Reuter.

BANK FAILURE RECALLED

New York, December 29. A suit without precedent in the United States was filed to-day in the Supreme Court in which the Federal Government brought a claim to compel twenty banks, members of the New York clearing-house, to pay \$11,000 deposited to the defunct Harriman National Bank \$2,375,000 deposited therein. The representatives of the banks sued deny the allegation by the Government that they guaranteed the solvency of the Harriman Bank. The suit alleges that the clearing-house committee during the critical period in 1932 pledged itself to support the Harriman Bank if Government officials would permit it to remain open, though knowing its condition was unsound. It is expected the formal reply will be that the committee were authorised merely to negotiate with and does not commit the member banks. It is stated only eight of the twenty banks concerned had any knowledge of the negotiations.—Reuter.

RELIEF WORK IN AMERICA

Washington, Dec. 29. The United States Public Works Administration has allotted U.S. \$84,000,000 for Federal and non-Federal projects, thereby reducing to U.S. \$144,000,000 the amount remaining from the U.S. \$3,000,000,000 fund.—Reuter.

GOOD PROGRESS MADE

At Rubber Growers' Conference
Batavia, December 29. Three Government representatives also the president and four members of the Board of General Rubber Growers' Association of the east coast of Sumatra were present at to-day's conference of European Rubber Growers in the Dutch East Indies at which it was stated that satisfactory progress was made.—Reuter.

BRITISH TRADE WITH CHINA

Hope That Figures Will Increase

London, Dec. 29. The possibilities for increased trade between China and Great Britain and the need for greater contact between British manufacturing interests and Chinese businessmen, are discussed in the report on trade and economic conditions in China, 1931/33, compiled by the British Commercial Counsellor at Shanghai, Mr. Louis Beale.

He emphasises that although the strength and wealth of China should rest on her agriculture, yet in 1932, 20 per cent of her total imports were wheat and rice and 10 per cent sugar and other food-stuffs. Meanwhile, many of China's natural industries are declining, and less of her many fine products are available or suitable for export. At the same time, Mr. Beale, praises the sincerity of the Chinese Government in their plans for pacification and reconstruction of the country.

FOUR YEAR PLAN

He quotes as an example the four-year industrial plan for increasing production in staple goods, such as wheat, cotton, textiles and iron and steel.

The outstanding weakness of the financial position is the continued heavy default on railway obligations to foreign lenders, and the rehabilitation of railway finances and operations is a prerequisite of progress, he declares. He considers that the greatest market in China from now onward will consist of capital goods, including machinery and equipment, opportunities for which ought to more than offset the probable loss to British trade in consumable goods.

The keynote of British participation in the development of China must be investments and co-operation with Chinese interests, he declares. Both countries now realise that a share of control by the British interests concerned and the aid of British technicians is to the benefit of both.

Mr. Beale adds that the formation of a group of British manufacturing interests to explore the commercial possibilities in China is worthy of serious consideration.—British Wireless Service.

RECORD XMAS IN BRITAIN

Business On Up-Grade

London, Dec. 24. Everything points to a record Christmas in Britain. Reflecting the general confidence that business is really on the up-grade, the Post Office has engaged 1,050 extra vans for London deliveries, a thousand above the number last year. It has also engaged 11,000 extra men in London, a thousand more than last year, and 60,000 extra men in other parts of the country, or 10,000 above the number last year. Record air-mails have been carried to the Union of South Africa and to India.

The railways are doing unprecedented business. Long-distance expresses are leaving London for the south and west coast every five minutes and the number of expresses for Scotland has been almost quadrupled. The traffic congestion in London to-day and for the past few days was enormous. Huge crowds are doing last-minute Christmas shopping and the shops all report exceptional sales, especially of more expensive articles. Similar, pleasing reports come from the provinces.

Despite the forebodings of Free Traders regarding the effects of the new tariff, this year's Christmas dinner actually will be cheaper than that in 1932. A happy omen for the New Year is the marked increase in the demand for accommodation in restaurants, night-clubs, and other places of entertainment.

The bells of Bethlehem will be broadcast from a church in the vicinity of Jerusalem to-morrow morning and the King will broadcast a greeting to his people throughout the Empire in the afternoon, from Sandringham, where all the Royal Family are spending Christmas.—Reuter.

LORD LONDONDERRY'S AIR TOUR

London, Dec. 29. Lord Londonderry, Secretary of State for Air, reached Rharour yesterday by air from Wadi Halfa. In the course of his 18,000-mile air tour he will later proceed to the

"WHAT CHINESE ARE THINKING"

T. Z. Koo's Successful Tour

London, December 29. Mr. T. Z. Koo, engaged by the Universities China Committee has completed a most successful tour. He spoke fifty times in London, Liverpool, Manchester, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Cambridge and Oxford and addressed altogether ten thousand people who listened with rapt attention. Koo's subject was the Modern Outlook in China and What the Chinese are Thinking. He is now returning home via America. The China Committee have engaged Dr. Fung, Professor of Philosophy, Peking, for similar a course of lectures between the New Year and Easter, his subject to be Chinese Philosophies.—Reuter.

SILVER MARKET

(From Our Special Correspondent)
London, December 29. Following are the Silver Quotations on the London market to-day:—
Dec. 29, Dec. 28
Spot 19.1/16 18.15/16
Forward 19.3/16 19
The London on New York cross rate to-day closed at £=U.S. 5.03.

STOCK MARKETS QUIET

Sterling on New York was 5.08 1/2 and Paris 83 1/2. Business on the Stock Exchange which closes on Saturday and Monday is quiet. British Government stocks are a little harder War Loan 10 1/4, Gold 12 1/2, 2d. including premium of 3/4, over the French Franc.—British Wireless.

THE ELECTRIC SUPPLY

New System To Be Enforced

London, Dec. 29. One of the most important sections of the National Electricity supply system, known as grid, covering the south-eastern and eastern area from the South Coast to the Wash will come into operation on Monday.

The area comprises more than quarter of the population of Great Britain in which the consumption of electricity for domestic and industrial purposes, particularly on outskirts of London are especially heavy. There are about 1,000 miles of transmission line in this area and 34 main power stations and 90 substations controlled this from the central point at South-wark, London.—British Wireless.

HOME & EXPORT TRADES

Progress Towards Recovery Continues

London, December 29. Both in home and export trades, evidence is accumulating that progress towards recovery is continuing in Britain. Retail business has been exceptionally heavy during the Christmas period, and returns for November show that during that month advance in value of 2.2 per cent, as compared with November 1932 was recorded in retail trade generally. Figures which are published in the Board of Trade Journal are prepared by the Bank of England from information supplied by retail organisations.

For the first time in three years an increase was recorded in the sales of food and perishables. The sale of non-food merchandise was 3.9 per cent higher in November than a year ago.

All principal categories of goods show increases except in pieces, goods, sports and travel goods. The number of persons employed at the end of November in the retail business was three per cent greater than a year ago. Statistics are also published by Bank of England which show that notes in circulation on Wednesday totalled £397,821,844 which is the highest level since Dec. 1926. Exports of cotton and artificial silk in November exceeded those of the corresponding month last year by 1,409,005 yards.—British Wireless.

PROTEST AGAINST AIR RAIDS

Chiang's Methods Denounced

(From Our Special Correspondent)

Canton, Dec. 29. A resolution was unanimously passed at the meeting of the Southwest Political Council yesterday that a formal protest in the name of the Southwest Political Council should be sent to Nanking against their drastic measure in bombing Foochow and other chief cities in Fukien.

Immediately after the meeting the protest was drafted and cabled to Nanking asking the Central Government to stop further air raids on Fukien. In the telegram the local leaders strongly denounced General Chiang Kai Shek, Military Council, in adopting such merciless warfare against Fukien. They pointed out that the Nanking aerial bombardment on Foochow and the leading cities in Fukien brought great havoc and suffering to the innocent civilians who were either killed by the bombs or rendered homeless, and most of the properties were ruined.

In their protest the members of the Southwest Political Council demanded that a complete cessation of air attacks on Fukien should be effected. For the sake of humanity and to avoid the destruction of properties and civilisation in Fukien, Nanking should refrain from launching any further aerial attacks on that province, they declared.

REDS BECOMING ACTIVE

Hangchow, Dec. 21. Vanguards of the Fukien rebels, who penetrated to the suburbs of Taishun, southern Chekiang, from Shouning, northern Fukien, were totally disarmed by the Chekiang Peace Preservation units yesterday.

According to a telegram from Colonel Tu Chih-cheng, Commander of the 1st Regiment of the Chekiang Provincial Peace Preservation units, the bandits at Shouning are becoming increasingly active. These outlaws have been recruited by the Fukien bogus government to harass the Chekiang border. As Taishun is close to Shouning, the former city is also affected.

Two airplanes were despatched by the Aviation Administration, yesterday to reconnoitre over the Chekiang Fukien border. They brought back the report that several thousand Fukien insurgents were advancing northwards from Pingnan and Shouning towards Taishun.

An enemy plane circled over the city of Kingyuan, southern Chekiang, yesterday morning, according to a message from Mr. Chang Chih-yuan, district magistrate of Kingyuan.—Kuomin.

FUKIEN REBELS ON THE MOVE

Nanking, Dec. 21. It is reported that the Fukien insurgents, in an attempt to invade eastern Chekiang, have moved their main forces northwards to the Fukien-Chekiang border.

In view of the weak defences of Foochow, the Central Government has decided to despatch the 3rd Army under General Wang Chun, hitherto stationed at Hsuehchow, northern Kiangsu, and in northern Anhwei, to Fukien. These units are to land at certain points in that province with the assistance of the naval forces. The 12th Division under Lieut-General Tang Hsueh-yuan, serving as the vanguard of the 3rd Army, has arrived at the Capital where the troops are awaiting steamers for transport southwards.—Kuomin.

SUPPORT FOR HU HAN MIN

Canton, December 29. In supporting Mr. Hu Han Min's manifesto issued on 15th inst. for the settlement of the internal chaos, telegrams from various angles are continuously pouring into this city. Among them received here yesterday were those from the Kuomintang of Swatow, the Kuomintang of Canton-Hankow Railway, the Kuomintang of Chungshan University and the Kuomintang of Kai-ping County.—Central Press.

FRANCE DEFIES GERMANY

Over Disarmament Problem

DIRECT FRANCO-GERMAN CONFERENCE DECLINED

Paris, December 29. There is a likelihood of creating a first class international sensation by the opening of the famous "secret" dossier publicly before the League which it is stated is in contemplation by the French Government. The French policy, it is understood, aims at getting an agreement at Geneva substantially on the lines of the plan agreed to by Sir John Simon and M. Boncour last September and if Germany rejects the plan, France will produce the alleged condemnatory dossier before the League Council. The French reply declines a direct Franco-German conference and affirms that France favours disarmament, not rearmament and at Geneva, not elsewhere.—Reuter.

AMERICAN PEACE PROPOSALS

Washington, December 29. It is but an extension of the late Mr. Wilson's challenge for us to propose that from now onwards war by Governments shall be changed to peace by peoples controlling their governments, said President Roosevelt, speaking at the Woodrow Wilson Foundation Dinner.

He said that ninety per cent of the world's population is content with its territorial limits and willing to disarm if others did.

Fear of the other ten per cent might be swayed by that leadership which is seeking territorial expansion which lay behind the threat to world peace. If that ten per cent could be persuaded by the other ninety per cent, to renounce that leadership, permanent world peace is possible. If the majority of nations signed an agreement such as the United States presented to the world providing for the abolition of offensive weapons and sanctity of territorial borders (effective only when signed by all nations), then the minority of nations believing in aggression could be determined. The League (the machinery of which the United States is utilising more than ever) would become a prop in the structure of world peace, though the United States does not contemplate membership.—Reuter.

ANGLO-ESTHONIAN TRADE

Hopes Of Early Agreement

London, Dec. 29. The negotiations between the British and the Estonian Governments for a new trade agreement, which opened several weeks ago in London, will be resumed early in January. The ground has been cleared by a frank exchange of views and it is hoped that an agreement will be reached at an early date.

Some of the Estonian delegates are remaining in London and will, if necessary, be rejoined by the others who returned home for the holiday season.—British Wireless Service.

TO "FAST UNTO DEATH"

Noulens' Threat To Prison Authorities

Nanking, Dec. 29. Paul Noulens has begun a fast "unto death" unless he is unconditionally released from prison, where he and his wife are serving a life sentence.

The Ministry of Justice and prison officials explained to the two prisoners that their release must be secured through the proper legal channels, but Noulens refused to abandon his fast and insists that at least his wife be released.

In spite of attempts at persuasion by the prison authorities, Mrs. Noulens refused to intervene and even threatens a fast unto death herself. The Noulens were convicted of Communist activities some months ago.—Reuter.

Nanking, December 29. Noulens's wife, Gertrude, has also started on a hunger strike.—Reuter.

SIMON TO VISIT ROME

To Meet Mussolini On Thursday

London, Dec. 29. The Italian Premier, Signor Mussolini, has invited the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, who is spending his Christmas holiday at Capri, to visit Rome on Thursday, January 4, for a discussion of the outstanding problems of the European situation.

The invitation, with a New Year message of goodwill, was conveyed by Sir Eric Drummond, the British Ambassador at Rome.—British Wireless Service.

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HOME FOOTBALL

This And That From Here And There

CASUAL NEWS

G. R. Rees-Jones, of Ipswich School and University College, has been awarded his Blue as left wing three-quarter back in the Oxford team in succession to S. L. Walde, and no one will dispute his right to it. Rees-Jones is very young and comparatively inexperienced, but these factors did not prevent his selection for the Welsh trial match to-day. Rees-Jones is distinctly fast, and he throws back his head and goes for the corner-flag in a way to gladden the heart.

As for Walde, it may be taken, I gather from a medical friend, that he is by now out of danger. But the nature of his operation suggests that the active career of a great player and a most likeable personality is definitely over.

West Country Deal.—There is reason to believe that Swindon and Bristol Rovers will be concerned in an interesting exchange of players at an early date. Capt. Prince Cox, the Rovers manager, has made overtures with a view to obtaining the signature of Cecil Blakemore, the Swindon, and former Norwich, forward, and Mr. Ted Vizard, the Swindon manager, is prepared to release him in ex-

change for Lewis, a young player, who made 21 appearances for the Rovers last season. Blakemore is agreeable to the transfer, but the deal is "held up" by Lewis, who, so far, has declined to accept the terms of engagement offered him by Swindon.

Owing to an injury to Alex Wright, who broke a bone in his foot while training, Manager Jimmy Seed, of Charlton, will sign another goalkeeper sometime next week.

Byron Jones, Llanelli's amateur forward, has been attracting the attention of Swansea and Cardiff. Coventry, who played at Llanelli last week, were also much impressed with him.

Milwall have been closely watching the form of Torrance, of Ben-burb, Murray, goalkeeper of the same club, is also fancied by Milwall, but is earmarked for Ibrox, by Glasgow Rangers.

If Willie Smith, of Portsmouth, doesn't miss a match between now and Christmas he will have been in the team four years without a break since his introduction against the Arsenal, Christmas Day, 1929.

Don't be surprised if Plymouth entice a young Scotsman South in the near future. Brock, a Cumberland Thistle full-back, is the player in question, and he has already had a trial run with a Lanarkshire senior club.

EASY VICTORY FOR READING

Watford.....0 Reading.....3
The better side won this tie. So superior were Reading in every department that the score might easily have been doubled. Watford certainly had their chances, but the attacks were generally so ragged and without method that the Reading goal seldom appeared in danger.

A splendid goal ten minutes from the start put Reading on the high road to victory. From that time until the end the result was never in doubt. The winners played typical cup-tie football, with the ball being moved about without hesitation, and always in the direction of their opponents' goal.

Watford, on the other hand, continually beat themselves by holding on to the ball too long and attempting to play the close passing game on a ground that was totally unsuited for it.

Contrast in Defence

Both goalkeepers did well. The Reading backs, Rowe and Ridley, hardly put a foot wrong, whereas the Watford pair defended feebly.

Reading also held an advantage in the half-back and forward lines. Hayhurst made the most of his height, and gave Woodward few opportunities, while both Wright and Johnson, the wing halves, gave the men in front splendid support.

The first goal was the result of a long, accurate pass along the wing by Wright, which was centred by Fielding on the run, and returned into the goal-mouth by Butler for McCough to score. Newton got the second two minutes after the interval, and McCough scored the third from a centre by Fielding.

AMATEUR SIDES FAIL

London Paper Mills Good Fight
Of the eight amateur clubs who met professional sides in the first round of the F.A. Cup only Dulwich Hamlet, who shared four goals with Newport County at Champion Hill, are left in the competition. It is a coincidence that the score was exactly the same when Newport visited Dulwich in the same stage of the competition three years ago.

Next to Dulwich, London Paper Mills put up the best fight, when they received Southend United at Dartford. They were only beaten by a goal, scored by Fryer, to nil. Epsom Town also played with great spirit in their away tie with Clapton Orient. With Rigby, Taylor, and Morris scoring, the Orient had a three goals lead when the London League club rallied splendidly and Marlow and Graves each scored. Towards the end, however, the Orient recovered, and Morris scored again.

As Jones, their goalkeeper, was hurt, and Martin, their left-half, missed the train, Barnet had to field a weakened side against the local club at Cheltenham, and were beaten by a remarkably well-blended side of experienced professionals and dashing amateurs.

Recovery By Casuals
A strong Casuals side won their London Senior Cup replay, with Hoxton Manor at Chesham, Lloyd having scored twice. They were actually two goals down at half-time, but they made a great recovery later on, when Fiskin, Coxon, Couchman, and Webb scored.

Final Selections

HOME

Derby C.
Tottenham
West Bromwich
Brentford
Millwall
Notts C.
Preston
Crewe
Walsall
Bristol R.
Luton
Crystal P.

AWAY

Chester
Motherwell
Dundee
Accrington
Gateshead
Southport

DRAW

Accrington
Gateshead
Southport

Tufnell Park followed their Amateur Cup victory over Golders Green by beating Old Lyonians in the Middlesex Cup by seven goals, Edwards (3), Marrable (2), and Bennett (2), to four. Willis (2) Williams and Weston.

In the Isthmian League London Calendonians, who were beaten by Wimbledon by 6-0 at Plough Lane three weeks ago, held the leaders to a goalless draw in the return game at Holloway—an excellent performance. Clapton and Nunhead, who each got a goal at the Spotted Dog, also shared the points, but Leytonstone—for whom Mathews achieved a hat-trick—were much too good for St. Albans City.

MILSON'S HAT-TRICK

Bolton W.....3 Port Vale.....0
Bolton Wanderers' form in this game at Burnden Park was exceptionally good; in winning their first League match this month they overwhelmed the strong Port Vale defence, and did it with a polish that promises well for the future.

The inclusion of Rimmer at outside left inspired the forward line. The Southport man has the heart of a lion, and his go-ahead methods put that snap into the line which has been absent in recent games.

Except that Todd in goal played magnificently under constant pressure, and that Tabram and Poyser strove valiantly to stem the tide which ran so strongly against them, the visitors were not impressive.

The Bolton defence, indeed, with McKay at left-half, in the absence of Taylor, kept a firm grip on the Port Vale forwards, particularly in the second half, and the latter seldom looked dangerous.

Milson headed the opening goal, following a free-kick, added a second after Todd had failed to hold a close-range drive, and shot the third from a penalty in the second half. Vickers having been penalised for handling.

FIRST ROUND OF F.A. CUP

Crystal Palace.....3 Norwich City.....0
"Well, we'll be in the Cup again next year," a Norwich City director said to me after the game at Selhurst. He was resigned to the fact that his side had been fairly beaten, and in his admission was the sporting spirit which characterised the game.

It was a Cup-tie, and allowances must always be made when two sides meet to whom victory means so much. There was certainly a good deal of wild and aimless kicking; there was also a certain amount of exuberance, but never once a deliberate foul.

Norwich, a young, virile side, were over anxious. I should say that in a League match they would beat the Palace. They were generally much faster, their wingers were certainly cleverer, and yet they never got together.

They might have done so against a less determined defence. To the backs, Rostler and Parry, the Palace owe nearly everything. Of course, Dunn, in goal, had his trials and tribulations, but his allotted task of smothering Vinall, both played faultlessly.

The half-backs stayed the course well, particularly Smith, on the left. His ball control was exceptionally good. He would, however, be well advised not to attempt too much.

Manders was as good as any forward on the field. Simpson found the ball coming in too quickly, as a rule; Roberts would never attempt the first time pass, which meant that he was often robbed.

Turner is not quite the Turner of old, but he earned the crowd's cheers by making all three goals possible. The first followed two corners, both of which Turner took. The first kick left Wharton with no option but to punch over the bar. The second was as well judged. This time Wharton punched the ball straight up in the air, and during the melee Roberts gave the Palace the lead.

The second goal was well worked for by Turner, finally beat his man and sent the ball across cleverly for Manders to head in. The third goal was a gem. Turner got possession near the

LOCAL FOOTBALL

Some Notes on Week-end Fixtures

On New Year's Day, China will play the Rest of the Colony in aid of the Children's Playground Fund, on the Hong Kong F. C. ground, kick off 3.30 p.m.

The Hon. Sir W. T. Southern, K.B.E., C.M.G. will kick off, and the teams will be as under:—
Chinese.—Pan Ka Ping, Leung in Chan, Mak Sui Hon, Ho Chai Yin, Leung Wing Chui, Lee Kwok Wai, Tang Kwong Sum, Au Kim Fung, Ho Ka Keung, Tay Kwee Liang and Fung King Yui.
Reserves.—Tong Kwan and Wong Ping.

The Rest.—Cord, A. V. Gosano, S. Strange, Skinner, Beltrao, Ellis, B. Gosano, Elliott, Howe, Ridley, and Lt. Hocquard.
Reserves.—C. Fie, Shepherd and Leonard.

The final match in the Lat Wah Cup competition should be a good draw and with the Navy at full strength a good game should be seen. Play will be over the full distance, ninety minutes, and extra time will be played if necessary.

The Civilians entered the final after playing extra time against the Chinese while the Navy beat the Army by four goals to one.

The Lincoln Regt. and East Lancashires meet on the Kowloon F. C. ground in a back fixture. The Lincolns are expected to win.

In Division II, Young Indians meet the Athletic for the first time, their previous fixture being postponed.

The Gunners meet the Navy within the race course and the sailors are expected to win. The previous game between these teams was well fought out, the sailors just getting home.

South China receive Kowloon at Caroline Hill and should win. The Club meet the Borderers and the military team should win.

In Division III, the Lincolns meet the Sappers and the Lincolns should easily maintain their 100% record.

The Borderers meet the University on the Railway ground. The University have had a long absence from League football. The Medicals will have to go all out to defeat the Recreio. A close game should be seen within the race course between the R.A.S.C. and the Airmen. The Airmen should just manage to win.

Sunday's game between the Chinese Clubs should attract a large crowd to the Club ground. The former game was won by South China, the Athletic playing a close game until the heavy rain came and saturated the ground. On present form the South China team should win.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

The following will represent the Club "A" Fifteen versus a Navy Team at Sookunpoo, to-day, December 30th at 2.45 p.m.

R.O.F. King, W. Harris Walker, M. W. Turner, R. Griffiths, D. Hynes, J. Hutchison, E. C. Meeks, W. E. Peers, A. F. Walker, S. H. Garrod, A. H. Harbord, R. I. Cherrill, C. Austin, R. G. Castleton, E. G. Jones.

The Army and Navy First Round Triangular Tournament match will follow at 4.00 p.m.

Owing to its being the end of the year the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Members of the side are not available so the Club First XV have no fixture.

INDIA RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP

SHIP

To Be Held At Meerut

(Special Air-Mail Service)

London, December 12.

The Army Rifle Association Central Meeting in India will be held at Meerut from February 6 to 10. The King's Medal for the championship of India will be shot for on the last day. Officer competitors will be accommodated at their own arrangements. Officers ranks will be quartered with 1st The Royal Dragoons, 1st Battalion, Black Watch, 12th Field Brigade, R.A., and 10th Battalion, 2nd Punjab Regiment. The closing date for entries is January 15 to the A.R.A. Secretary at the Small Arms School, Pachmarhi, and whose address after January 29 will be care of the 1st Battalion, The Black Watch, Meerut. The new units to compete are the 2nd Battalion, the A. and S. H. from Shanghai, 3rd Field Brigade, R.A., from Woolwich, 1st Battalion, The Royal Warwickshire Regiment, from the Suez Canal, and the 14th-20th Hussars from Cairo.

tooth-line in mid-field, and turned in at once. As he did so Manders charged across to the wing. Roberts made ground and passed to Manders, who went to the goal line before passing back. Turner's shot nearly burst the net.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

R.H.K.G.C. for Sunday and Monday

SUNDAY

Old Course

9.28 a.m. A. E. Lissaman and F. A. Redmond
9.32 " T. Low and G. T. May
9.38 " W. G. Robertson and J. W. Mayhew
9.40 " W. N. A. Smalley and R. C. Webb
9.44 " Maj. Eastwick Field and Capt. Mitchell
9.48 " R. Davidson and T. C. Monaghan
9.52 " O. E. C. Marton and A. K. Mackenzie
9.56 " S. A. Sleep and A. H. Penn
10.00 " W. B. A. Moore and T. H. King
10.04 " N. K. Littlejohn and J. Forbes
10.08 " A. B. Purves and I. H. Geare
10.12 " A. E. Thompson and J. Hunter
10.16 " A. D. Humphreys and H. H. Mundy
10.20 " J. Coulthart and D. S. Robt.
10.24 " S. S. Perry and A. D. Coppin
10.28 " C. H. Bradley and D. Ellis
10.32 " A. Kidd and L. A. Calcraft
10.36 " P. S. Grant and R. I. Cherrill

New Course

9.32 a.m. H. N. Williamson and Miss Whimster
9.40 " Mrs. Smalley and Mrs. Webb
9.48 " O. Gordon and R. A. Rodgers

MONDAY

Old Course

9.28 a.m. W. A. Stewart and A. McKellar
9.32 " N. K. Littlejohn and T. Low
9.36 " H. Hampton and H. H. Mundy
9.40 " G. T. May and C. Austin
9.44 " H. F. Sommers and R. A. Rodgers
9.48 " E. Des Vaux and A. O. Brown
9.52 " H. H. Fethick and I. H. Geare
9.56 " L. B. Holmes and C. E. Moore
10.00 " Maj. Eastwick Field and Capt. Mitchell
10.04 " W. N. Buyers and J. W. Mayhew

New Course

9.32 a.m. L. C. Grover and O. Gordon
9.40 " T. Sparshott and V. J. Atkins

SUCCESS ATTENDS ADMIRAL BYRD

Finds Open Water Where Land Was Thought To Be

New York, Dec. 24.

A wireless message was received here yesterday from the Jacob Ruppert, the ship of Admiral Byrd's expedition to the Antarctic, reporting that, in the course of his exploring flights, made east and west of the 150th meridian, Admiral Byrd came to the conclusion

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CAUSE OF THE NAZI DEFAULT

Huge And Unproductive Expenses

New York, Dec. 24.

In a statement issued here yesterday, Mr. Winkler, chairman of the committee of American holders of foreign bonds, said that Germany's refusal to meet her engagements in the matter of private debts to the United States was mainly due to the heavy and unproductive expenses of the Nazi Government, and notably to their armament expenses. Mr. Winkler added that it was hard to accept Germany's plea of poverty and incapacity to pay, while official statistics show that her trade for the eleven months of the year showed a credit balance of Mks. 58,000,000.—Havas.

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SIAM'S EXPORTS

Fall Of Tcs. 10,000,000 In
Eight Months

Bangkok, Dec. 13.
The rice position remains very difficult. For eight months April to November, this year has now an advantage of only 320,000 piculs over the same period last year, while the value of the export for these eight months has dropped as much as Tcs. 3.59 millions.

The Customs Return for November gives definite figures showing the loss in the rice export. From the port of Bangkok 1,325,141 piculs were exported, as compared with 2,378,106 in November, 1932, the value dropping by Tcs. 2,885,450 (from Tcs. 8,307,574 to Tcs. 5,422,124).
Siam's second best export, gold, has kept up remarkably well, being valued at Tcs. 1,181,321 as compared with Tcs. 1,744,630 in November 1932. But for the eight months there is a drop of over Tcs. 10 millions in the value of Siam's exports.

MORE ACTIVITY IN SHIPBUILDING

Another Order For
The Clyde

Another shipbuilding order has been placed with a Port Glasgow firm. William Hamilton & Co., Limited, have been commissioned by the Brocklebank Line to build a new cargo vessel of about 10,000 tons gross for service between the Continent and the East. Further contracts are expected by Clyde yards within the next few days, and already this month has been the best for orders that the industry has known for some years.

An optimistic note was struck today by Sir Alexander Kennedy, who presided over the annual meeting of the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Limited, in Glasgow. Sir Alexander Kennedy said that while there was distinct evidence in many directions that trade was improving, it was perhaps premature to say that a definite improvement had set in so far as shipbuilding was concerned. At the same time it was gratifying to note that the number of inquiries was increasing, and that within the last month or two several orders had been placed.

There were also inquiries for Admiralty work. The importance of Admiralty work could best be appreciated when one considered that one cruiser of say, 9,000 tons displacement was at least equal in value to 20 cargo vessels of about 9,000 tons dead-weight, and that at least 85 per cent. of the cost was spent in wages. It was now realized that restrictive measures had resulted in reducing our Navy to danger point, and the expectation was that the naval programmes for the immediate future would be enlarged. In periods of depression, when merchant shipbuilding was at a low ebb, naval programmes should be anticipated in order to advance our technical skill and maintain our skilled workmen in regular employment.

The firm's profit and loss account had a credit balance of £363.
The Motherwell Bridge and Engineering Company have secured several contracts that will keep their works fully occupied for the next three months. These include a combined road and rail bridge, consisting of two side spans and a centre span, for the Crown Agents in Jamaica; a road bridge over the Umhlatuzi River, Natal, for the Public Works Department of the South African Government; and a 75ft. road bridge for the Crown Agents in Kenya.

THE MENACE OF JAPAN

British May Be Asked To Ban
O'Conroy's Book

The British Government may be asked to ban "The Menace of Japan," a sensational book published in London last month, and written by Mr. T. O'Conroy, a former professor of Erio University.
The book is considered a menace to friendly relations, states the "Osaka Mainichi," in reporting that the Education Department are likely to make the request.
It is expected that its sale will be banned in Japan.

THE FANLING RACES

A Few Selections For
Sunday

LARGE ENTRY FOR ST. JOHN'S CUP

(BY "MORNING-DEW")

The New Year's Eve Meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club to-morrow should attract a large attendance of racing enthusiasts and the race train which leaves Kowloon at 1.05 p.m. is sure to be very crowded.

There is a programme of five races down for decision and some good racing should be seen.
The opening race is a hurdle event over 1½ miles for the Machine Gun Troop and the race is an open one. White Stars, Social Mark, and Peter Davey appear to be the best ones here, though it King's Counsel takes it into his head to jump, he may create an upset. Jack O'Lantern also is a good outsider.

The Second Race.
The second race is also over a mile and a quarter and Festive Eve is fancied. Mr. Stanton's Donabella may do well and Burgomaster should not be far behind, that is if he is good over the jumps as he is over the flats.

Marquis Hall.
In the third race, seven ponies have been entered for the mile and a half steeplechase. Marquis Hall is well thought of in this race, thought a strong challenge is anticipated from Sweet Life, belonging to Mr. L. Reddy.

Esculador.
With winners of stake money in any official race barred from the fourth race (hurdles over 1½ miles), it is difficult to try and spot the

winner. Esculador looks a good thing, especially as the race is catchweights at 168 lbs. Movanager goes well over the sticks and should run into a place while Tommy and The Curlew are likely place getters.

Cross Country Race.
There are no less than 26 entries for the fifth race which is over two miles of fair hunting country. Wisdom Stag, who ran second to Diana Bay in the Derby three years ago, should be able to win this race for Mrs. Stanton. Others which have a chance here are Winchester Stag, Tom Cobley, and Celerity.

SELECTIONS.

Race 1.
White Stars.
Peter Davey.
King's Counsel.
Race 2.
Festive Eve.
Donabella.
Burgomaster.
Race 3.
Marquis Hall.
Sweet Life.
Duke of Milan.
Race 4.
Esculador.
Movanager.
The Curlew.
Race 5.
Wisdom Stag.
Winchester Stag.
Tom Cobley.

TO-MORROW'S CHURCH SERVICES

(First Sunday After Christmas)

Anglican Churches

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONG KONG.
31st December 1933.
First Sunday after Christmas.
Holy Communion 8 a.m.
Holy Communion (Peak Church) 8 a.m.
Children's Service 10 a.m.
Matins and Sermon 11 a.m.
Preacher: The Dean.
Evensong 6.30 p.m.
Preacher: The Bishop of Hong Kong.
Subject:—"Evil and Disaster."
The Book of Job.
WEEK DAY SERVICES.
Matins. Daily at 9.00 a.m.
Intercessions for the Sick. Wednesday at 10.15 a.m.
Holy Communion, Jan. 1st. Name day of Jesus, at 7.45 a.m.
Holy Communion, Thursday at 7.45 a.m.
Holy Communion, Jan. 6th. Epiphany of Our Lord, at 7.45 a.m.
Choir Practice. Friday at 5.30 p.m.

THE BISHOP'S DISCUSSION GROUPS.

There will be no Discussion Group held on Monday, Jan. 1st, at Lane Crawford's but there will be one on Friday evening Jan. 6th, at 8.30 p.m. at the Bishop's House. (Supper at 8.00 p.m.)

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, KOWLOON.
Services for Sunday, December 31st.—1st Sunday after Christmas.
8.15 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10.00 a.m.—Young People's Service and Primary Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
Preacher: The Bishop of Hong Kong.
Subject:—"The Coming of Christ—On Mondays."
8.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.
Preacher: The Vicar.
Monday, January 1st.—The Circumcision of Our Lord.
Holy Communion 7.15 a.m.
Friday, January 6th.—Communicants' Preparation Service 9 p.m.
Saturday, January 6th.—Feast of the Epiphany.
Holy Communion 8.15 a.m.

Free Churches

METHODIST CHURCH.
Morning Order 10.15 a.m.
by the Rev. E.C.H. Tribbeck.
Hymn No. 388 "Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim."
(Tune Hanover No. 4).
Prayer of Invocation.
The Lord's Prayer.
Hymn No. 13 "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven" (Regent Square).
First Lesson: Isa. 41.1-50.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1933.
Sunday School, 9.30 a.m.
Taiko, 2.45 p.m.
Morning Service, 10.30 a.m.
Preacher:—The Rev. Dr. F. W. Norwood, Minister of the City Temple, London.

Special Notice.

Sunday Evening, 31st Dec.
This Congregation will unite for Evening Worship at 8 p.m., with the Congregation of the Union Church, Kowloon, when the preacher will be the Rev. Dr. F. W. Norwood. Consequently, there will be no evening service in this Church on Sunday evening, Dec. 31st.

Sunday, Jan. 7th.
Communion of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the close of the Morning Service.

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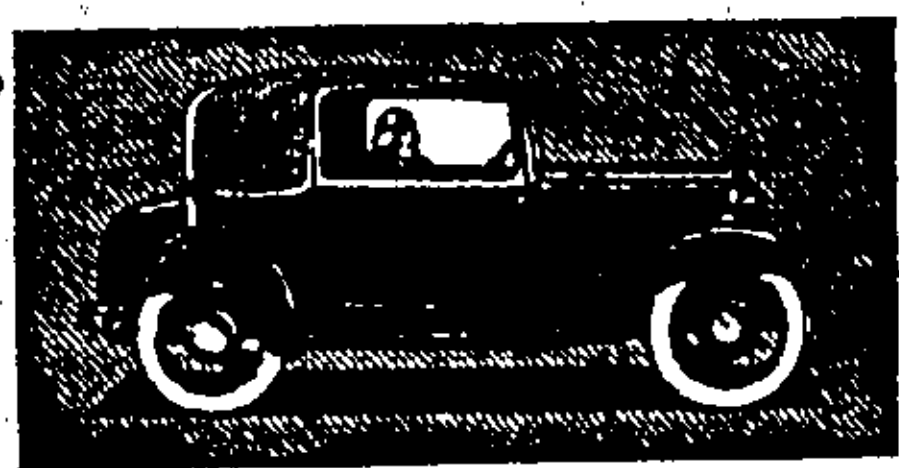
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Big Export Trade

Figures showing the important position held by motor-cycles and bicycles in British export trade were given by Mr. Oliver Stanley, Minister of Transport, when opening the Cycle and Motor-cycle Show at Olympia.

Mr. Stanley said that of all British trades which had suffered from the effects of the world crisis the motor-cycle industry had perhaps the hardest task to meet. The class which from unemployment and lack of wages had suffered most was exactly the class upon which to a large extent the motor-cycle manufacturer relied. It said a good deal for the skill, energy, and courage of manufacturers that they had met the depressing conditions and maintained their prestige.

To him, as Minister of Transport, the motor-cycle was an important factor, for in this country there were something like five or six hundred thousand machines. It was not only as an internal means of transport that it played such an important part. It was one of our largest items of export, and this year we had up to the moment exported no fewer than 15,000 motor-cycles and tricycles, to the value of about half a million pounds, while parts and accessories accounted for £400,000. Mr. Stanley said that in the past the motor-cycle was given a bad name for noise, but such a complaint was no longer justified, thanks to the effective steps of manufacturers to silence it. It was no longer fair to single it out as the only or the greatest offender.

TEN MONTHS' OUTPUT

Referring to the pedal cycle, Mr. Stanley said that the figures of production were staggering in their magnitude. Although exact statistics were not available, it could be said that there were 10,000,000 bicycles in this country. In the first ten months of this year 1,200,000 had been manufactured. The bicycle was one of our main exports. In 1931 we exported 146,000, in 1932 only 127,000, but during the first ten months of this year we had exported 158,000. The value of bicycle parts exported had risen in three years from £728,000 to £1,129,000.

Mr. Stanley said that he was glad the Cyclists' Union were to approach him to secure better provisions in the traffic regulations for rear reflectors. Many reflectors were sham and added nothing to the safety of the rider, although there were efficient reflectors.

PREPARED AGAINST POSSIBLE ATTACK

Moscow, Later.

M. Molotov cited, as evidence of the Soviet's peaceful attitude the Soviet offer of a non-aggression pact with Japan, the consent to the sale of the Chinese Eastern Railway and their attentive attitude to all business questions, for example, regarding Japanese concessions in the Far East.

Nevertheless, M. Molotov stated, certain Japanese papers and Japanese officials were daily engaged in ascribing aggressive intentions to the Soviet.

The most reactionary Japanese militarists aware of their growing isolation were horrified at the gigantic growth of the U. S. S. R., and were losing their self-assurance, asserting that "now was the most convenient time."

The Soviet, therefore, had no right to ignore the danger of war and aggression, and while they would unwaveringly continue their policy in the Far East and improvements in their relations with Japan, the Soviet would simultaneously prepare against possible attack, from which they could not at present consider themselves secure.—Reuter.

Germany and Japan
Warned

Moscow, Dec. 29.
A sharp contrast between the improvement of Soviet relations with France and Poland and the threat of Germany and Japan was drawn by President Molotov at the opening session of the Central Executive Committee.

He added that relations with England were satisfactory, despite the sharpening of relations at the time of the Metro-Vickers affairs, and trade negotiations were now proceeding normally.

M. Molotov asserted that the League of Nations had proved a brake on the "war-like intentions of Germany and Japan," and declared that Japanese elements shared Soviet co-operation with the United States and China in the Far East.

He added that the United States' recognition of the Soviet was the outstanding success of the year and referred to M. Litvinov's role in the matter, which evoked a remarkable acclamation by the 800 delegates attending Parliament.—Reuter.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC IN BRITAIN

London, Dec. 29.
Traffic on the British railways during Christmas showed a further large increase.

Compared with the same week in 1932, the London Midland and Scottish Railway receipts for passenger traffic rose by £42,000, and for goods, by £44,000.

The London and North Eastern Railway showed corresponding gains of £27,000 and £28,000, the Southern Railway £20,000 and £3,000, and the Western Railway £13,000 and £18,000.

Improvement in the second half of 1933 has been constant and is expected to continue at 9/8. Home railway stocks showed a firm tendency on the Stock Exchange yesterday.—British Wireless Service.

CODEX SINAITICUS

London, Dec. 29.
An appeal to the public by the Trustees of the British Museum for a sum of £50,000 to effect, together with a corresponding sum guaranteed by the Government, the purchase for the nation of Codex Sinaiticus has been issued.

The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Prime Minister are among the signatories of the Appeal in which it is stated "Codex Sinaiticus is one of the oldest substantial manuscripts of the Greek Bible other than the Codex Vaticanus at Rome. It dates from about 350 and contains the whole of the New Testament with non-Shepherd of Hermas, and about two-fifths of the Old Testament."

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are now wanted at 22/3 and the Preference at 24/6 and there is a demand for Fraser & Neave Ords. at £11.95, Robinson Ords. at £3.20, Singapore Cold Storages £3.60, whilst there are sellers of Alexandra Brick Prefrs. at £1.50, Hammers at £28.50, Kinta Electric Ords. £1.32, Maynards £3.00, McAllisters £75.75, Raffles Hotel at 35 cents and a bid is wanted for a small parcel of United Engineer Ords. round £3.90.

London, Middle Pricers cable last evening are as follows: "Shells £2.10.0, British Tobacco £3.12.0, Hongkong Banks £1.13.0, Dunlops £1.17.6, Imperial Tobacco £2.12.0, Courtaulds £2.3.3, Imperial Chemicals £1.11.0 and Unilevers £1.6.0.

SINGAPORE SHARE MARKET

Tin Again Shows
Brisk Turnover

Messrs. Fraser and Company's Singapore share Circular of December 19, states:—

A heavy turnover in Tin shares can be reported throughout the week under review, although attention has been mainly concentrated on the more popular stocks such as Kinta Tin Dredges, Kuchals, Penawats etc., which have all advanced on last week's quotations, appreciating sharply from \$1.83 to \$2.22. The price of Tin has again remained steady from day to day, fluctuating within a 15/- limit only, and this consistency appears to be increasing the confidence of prospective investors in good-class shares, with a view to dividend returns plus Capital appreciation as heavier releases of Tin ore are sanctioned from time to time.

With nothing further on the subject of Rubber restriction from the Dutch East Indies, interest in shares has died down, for the time being at any rate, with values now rather against sellers.

As regards local Industrials, the market continues to be quietly steady with but little inclination to deal. Straits Traders are unchanged subsequent to the half-yearly meeting held yesterday, and buying orders for Fraser & Neaves, Singapore Cold Storages and Robinson Ords. appear difficult to fill. The Loan position remains as previously, with buyers in evidence and practically no business passing.

Mining.—Numerous transactions have taken place in Kinta Tin Dredges from \$1.95 to \$2.22, also in Penawats from \$1.25 to \$1.30 and Malaya Consolidated round 43 cents. Kuchals improved from 97 to \$1.05, with business now passing slightly under and other business consisted of Batang Padang at 29 1/2, 30 1/2, Ayer Weng at \$1.42, Souths 42 1/2, 43 1/2 cents and Nanyang Pils from 58 to 60 cents. Lukuts were strong from 79 to 87 1/2 cents cum div. Petalings were taken at \$6.55, Jelebis part-paid at 56 cents and Rahman Hydraulics at \$1.10. Klang Rivers are better from \$1.55 to \$1.65 business done with a buyer over, Sungai Luas and Ulu Klang are unchanged and quiet at \$1.25 Middle. Stones were done at 8/10 and 9/- with a further seller at 9/8. Raturs were placed at 2/- and 2/2 Kampong Kamunhags at 6/- ex capital return and Takuapas had heavy business from 25/3 and 26/- cum div. Malayan Collieries continue on offer without attracting buyers and are now available at \$23.75, whilst Raubs were put through in quantity at \$8.00 cum div. and later at \$7.75 to \$7.85 on an ex-dividend basis. There is a small enquiry for Bangrins at 36/3 also for Hongkong Tins at 14/6 and Batang Padang are enquired for at 30 cents. Batu Caves are out of favour and offer slightly below par and bids are wanted for Sungai Weng at \$2.62 cum div. Telok Krains at 71 cents or near also for Johans round 22 1/2 cents.

Rubbers.—Very little interest was taken in Dollar Rubbers, business being put through in Changkat Serdangs at \$3.20, Tapahs at \$1.20, Mentakhs at 29 1/2 cents, Ayer Panas from 72 1/2 to 77 1/2, Indragiris between 45 and 51 cents and in Sterling shares Craigieles made 1/3 and United Patanis 13/-.

There is a buying enquiry for Amalgamated Malays, but the majority of listed shares are now on offer.

Industrials.—Small transactions have taken place in Straits Traders at \$23.25 cum div. and later in the week at \$22.50 and \$22.45 ex div. with a further buyer at the latter figure. Wearnes were marketed at \$9.20 cum div. Straits Steamships \$15.50 and Gammons at 80 and 90 cents. Robinson Prefrs. were booked at \$60 and United Engineer Prefrs. at \$12.40 Consolidated Tin Smelter Ords. (Continued on previous column)



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		Union Insurance					
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		H.K. Fins					
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Shipping							
		Douglas	\$34				
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		Star Feries					
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		Ropes					
Miscellaneous							
		Dairy Farms					
		Der A. Wings					
		Amusements					
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		Lane Crawfords					
		Macintosh					
		Nanyang Tobacco					
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		Watsons					
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MONEY AND MARKETS

H. K. STOCK MARKET

WEEKLY REPORT

Consisting as it did of practically only two whole business days, the past week was devoid of any development. There was some activity, however, in Hotels and China Lights, of both of which fairly large parcels of shares changed hands, the former at \$84 and the latter as high as \$9.85 the market for these closing firmer.

Telephones also came in for a fair amount of enquiry, and became slightly firmer.

Closing tone generally steady.

BUSINESS DONE DURING THE WEEK

Hongkong Banks, \$1835.
Canton Insurance, \$310.
Union Insurance, \$590.
China Underwriters, \$1.65.
H.K. Steamboats, \$124.
Providents (Old), \$24.
Hotels, \$84.
Hongkong Lands, \$704, \$70.
Realities, \$5.60.
Tramways, \$214.
China Lights (Old), \$9.85.
Electric, \$73.35, \$73, \$73.
Telephones (Cum. Rights), \$304.
Ropes, \$61.
Dairy Farms, \$284.

CHANGES (3.15 p.m.) CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Buyers
Telephones (Old), \$244.
Sales
Providents (Old), \$24.
Tramways, \$214.
Electric, \$73.

THE EXCHANGE MARKET

MESSRS. ROZA BROS. REPORT

Messrs. Roza Bros. have forwarded us the following exchange market report for yesterday: Silver prices rose 3/15 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 18.13/16 for Ready and 19 for Forward. Silver advances reported China and America as having bought. Offerings were small. In America the rate was higher at 44 1/2 for Spot. The market was firm.

New York advices reported the opening rate at 5.04 1/2 and the closing rate at 5.07 1/2. Inclined to easiness.

With the exception of the Shanghai rate which was unchanged at 1104 and the Bangkok rate which was put down to 1284, other rates were put up.

Market.

Firm.

Sterling.

The market opened with sellers at 1/5.11/16. Buyers bidding 1/31 at which rate business was done for cash followed by transactions for January delivery. The market closed at lunch time with sellers at 1/5.23/32 December/January and 1/5.25/32 February, buyers probably at 1/5.1 December/January and 1/5.13/16 February.

U.S. Dollars.

Business was done during the course of the morning at 37 1/2 for January delivery. The market closed at lunch time with sellers at 37.5/16 for cash and probably 37 1/2 January and 37.15/16 December/January and 37.15/16 February.

Yen.

Merchants were quoted at 121 1/2 for near delivery.

Shanghai Dollars.

Shanghai dollars were quoted at 1104 for near delivery.

Shanghai.

Early advices indicated business done at 34.3/16 for January delivery. Subsequently the tone appeared a shade easier with buyers at 34 1/2 January, sellers at 34.1/16. Sterling. Business was done at 1/4.1/16 for January delivery. There were buyers at that rate, sellers at 1/4.

IN THE AFTERNOON

The market was a shade easier in the afternoon.

Sterling.

In sterling business was done at 1/5 1/2 for second half January and towards the close a small business was done at 1/5.23/32 for January, finishing with sellers at 1/5.23/32 December/January and 1/5.1 February, buyers at 1/5.1 December/second half January and probably 1/5.25/32 February.

U.S. Dollars.

Business was done at 37 1/2 for the 4th of January. The market closed with probable sellers at 37 1/2 for cash and 37.15/16 4th January, buyers at 37.15/16 for cash and 37 1/2 4th January.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

On	Sterling Parity	Dec. 27.	Dec. 28.
Amsterdam	12.10 Florins	8.13 1/2	8.15
Athens	375 Drachmas	570	570
Belgrade	276.916 Dinars	240	240
Berlin	20.40 Marks	13.89 1/2	13.72 1/2
Bombay	1s. 6d. per Rupee	1/8 1/2	1/8 1/2
Brussels	36 Belgas	23.53	23.59
Bucharest	113.268 Lei	550	550
Buenos Aires	47.56d. per Peso	36 1/2 S.O.	36 1/2 S.O.
Copenhagen	18.159 Kroner	19.40	22.40
Geneva	26.324 Francs	18.92	18.92 1/2
Helsingfors	183.23 Marks	228 1/2	228 1/2
Hongkong	110 Escudos	109 1/2	109 1/2
Lisbon	25.22 1/2 Ptas	32 1/2	32 1/2
Madrid	92.4d. Lire	82 1/2	82 1/2
Milan	4.667 Dollars	35 S.O.	35 S.O.
Montevideo	50.88d. per Peso	5.10	5.09 1/2
Montreal	4.967 Dollars	5.10	5.08
New York	18.159 Kroner	83 15/32	83 21/32
Oslo	124.21 Francs	109 1/2	110 1/2
Prague	164.25 Kronen		
Rio de Janeiro	26.90d. per Gold Milreis	4 1/2 S.O.	4 1/2 S.O.
Shanghai	18.159 Kroner	1/3 13/16	1/3 13/16
Stockholm	34.56 1/2 Schillings	16.30 1/2	16.30 1/2
Vienna	24.56d. per Yen	28 1/2	28 1/2
Yokohama	24.56d. per Yen	1/2 1/2	1/2 1/2
Silver (spot)		18 1/2	18 1/2
Silver (forward)		18 1/2	18 1/2
War Loan		10 1/2	10 1/2

Closing Quotations

December 29, 1933	ON NEW YORK:
Telegraphic Transfer	Bank Bills, on demand 38 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	Credit, 60 days' sight, nom.
Bank Bills, 4 months'	ON BATAVIA:
Bank Bills, 4 months'	On demand 58 1/2
Credit, four months'	ON PARIS:
On Demand	Bank Bills, on demand 60 1/2
ON SHANGHAI:	Credit, 4 months' sight 64 1/2
On Demand	ON SAIGON:
ON SINGAPORE:	On demand 60 1/2
ON SINGAPORE:	ON MANILA:
On Demand	On demand 73
ON JAPAN:	ON HONGKONG:
On Demand	On demand 128 1/2
ON INDIA:	SOVEREIGNS, Bank Buying
Telegraphic Transfer	Rate 1/8
Bank, on demand	BAR SILVER, per oz. 78 15/16

WORLD BUSINESS

The Franc

One of the suspicions generated by currency nationalism debits President Roosevelt with the intention of forcing France off the gold standard preparatory to leading the world to universal revaluation. Even reputable newspapers are making use of the charge. If the charge is untrue, as I believe it is, it is time it was checked. Otherwise, if France should drop off the gold standard, 20,000,000 Frenchmen will certainly attach the blame to President Roosevelt, and Franco-American relations will suffer correspondingly.

French Gold.

The result of the President's policy in taking gold out of France has been as exaggerated as the President's aims. RFC purchases in France must be infinitesimal. The policy is not gold buying "per se". It is gold price fixing. The RFC, in offering a higher price for gold abroad, is not necessarily obligated to buy much metal. It posts a new price, buys a little metal, and influences the world price of it. Clearly, if the American Government is prepared to pay a higher price for gold, the world price for gold must be affected. France still holds plenty of metal in its vaults. The drain in the last ten weeks has totalled only \$120,000,000, or less than 4 per cent of the country's gold reserves. These are still immense, being enough to cover the currency outstanding franc for franc, and amounting to no less than 70 per cent, of all the liabilities chargeable against gold.

Balance of Payments.

France is affected adversely by the President's policy in its earnings abroad. Dollar depreciation, produced by the sale of dollars for gold, persuades foreigners and even Frenchmen to buy American goods and American services in preference to French goods and French services. It keeps American tourists away from France. It makes more difficult the problem of living in France to the American resident who is dependent upon a dollar income. Both the tourists and the residents find that the dollars yield them only 15 francs as compared with around 25 francs a year ago. All these have a damaging effect upon the income of the French Government.

Internal Difficulties.

Experience in the present exigency has shown that the question whether or not a country can stay on the gold standard is not necessarily related to the condition of its gold reserves. How far will the public accept denaturation? That is as good a criterion. Last fall, for instance, large sections of the American people began to resist foreclosures and tax collecting.

INDO-JAPANESE DEADLOCK

Tokio May Buy From America

Cotton negotiations between India and Japan are rapidly deteriorating towards an impasse. Critics believe that the vagaries of the dollar may have some connection with the Japanese refusal of the Government of India's reasonable offers.

It is obvious that a further fall in the dollar would enable Japan to buy American cotton more cheaply than India.

India's final terms were presented to the Japanese delegates over a month ago after a very thorough investigation. The present haggling continues over apparently trivial details, while the Japanese boycott on Indian cotton remains and leaves the wretched cultivator as the sufferer.

Canton Silk Market

From the Kwangtung Raw Silk Testing Bureau Department of Reconstruction Canton:

Canton Quotations.
Extra O.S. 13/15 H.K. \$44P.
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Crack N.S. 14/18 H.K. \$38P.
Extra Extra 20/25 H.K. \$33P.
Waste N.S. Open, H.K. \$23N.

Yokohama Quotations.

Dec. 28.
Spot, Yen 550.
Bourse 6 Mos. Yen 570.

This was ultimately the cause of America's lapse of gold. The same trouble is to be observed in France. What chiefly disturbs the French fisc is the growing dislike of the French taxpayer for shouldering the obligations of the French Government. A budget deficit has long oppressed French Governments. Government credit is shaky. Obligations are maturing. How can the Government pay its bills? The alternative is written plainly for all to see. New taxation or a cut-in expenses must be authorized. Or, as in war and post-war France, the Government will have to obtain from the Bank of France freshly printed money in exchange for the promissory notes. This latter process is a form of currency inflation, which is incompatible with the maintenance of the gold standard, with its rule for convertibility of currency into gold.

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Ramses, Jensen's, Jan. 9.

Tienlin.

Anshun, B. & S., Jan. 9.

Ramses, Jensen's, Jan. 9.

Yet Shing, Jardine's, Jan. 10.

Hop Sang, Jardine's, Jan. 16.

Tientsin.

Saale, Melchers, Dec. 30.

Sunning, B. & S., Dec. 31.

Sui Yang, B. & S., Jan. 2.

Kwai Sang, Jardine's, Jan. 4.

Sarpentou, B. & S., Jan. 6.

Szechuen, B. & S., Jan. 7.

Ramses, Jensen's, Jan. 9.

Fooshing, Jardine's, Jan. 10.

Lahn, Melchers, Jan. 11.

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Anshun, B. & S., Jan. 9.

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Gertrude Maerk, Jensen's, Dec. 30.

Loisbank, Bank Line, Jan. 6.

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Boston and New York.

Gertrude Maerk, Jensen's, Dec. 30.

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Pro. Polk, Dollar's, Jan. 6.

Glauco, B. & S., Jan. 11.

Taketogo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 15.

Tai Ping, Dodwell's, Jan. 18.

Pres. Adams, Dollar's, Jan. 20.

Sunnanvak, Jensen's, Jan. 30.

Honolulu.

Asama Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.

Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., Jan. 15.

Pres. Wilson, Dollar's, Jan. 16.

Rakyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 18.

Tai Ping, Dodwell's, Jan. 18.

Roseville, Bank Line, Jan. 25.

Sunnanvak, Jensen's, Jan. 30.

Los Angeles.

Gertrude Maerk, Jensen's, Dec. 30.

Taketogo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 15.

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KAKUSAN MARU Saturday, 20th Jan.
HARUNA MARU Saturday, 3rd Feb.

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KITANO MARU Saturday, 24th Feb.

OMBAY via Singapore, Penang and Colombo.

TANGO MARU Thursday, 11th Jan.
MAYEASHI MARU Monday, 29th Jan.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

BOKUYO MARU Monday, 28th Feb.

NEW YORK via Panama.

TAKEKUGO MARU Monday, 15th Jan.

LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Beyrouth, Istanbul, Piraeus.

Genoa and Valencia.

DURBAN via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

YAMAGATA MARU Saturday, 6th Jan.
MORIOKA MARU Monday, 16th Jan.

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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Clearances,
Ships in Harbour, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS

IMPORTS 3,700 TONS;
THROUGH CARGO
16,200 TONS.

The returns, shown at the Harbour Office of vessels carrying cargo to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:

	Cargo for H.K.	Through Ports
British.		
Javanese Prince, Holo	240	1,258
Anhui, Hoihow	450	31
Chak Sang, Nankin, Moji	29	1,895
		719—2,982
American.		
Golden Wall, Pukow	348	834
President Hoover, Manila	21	2,274
		369—3,108
Italian.		
Moncaliere, Saigon	67	3,000
		67—3,000
French.		
Tai Poo Sek, Fort Bayard	650	—
		650—
Norwegian.		
Norviken, Swatow	544	1,502
		544—1,502
Japanese.		
Ginyo Maru, Singapore	18	4,438
Canton Maru, Swatow	718	—
Sungshan Maru, Keelung	230	—
		984—4,438
Chinese.		
Tung Shun, Tsingtao	100	170
Vooyang, Swatow	300	1,010
Cheung On, Shanmei	60	—
		460—1,180
Total	3,773	16,208

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:

Anhui (British), Hoihow	347
Tai Poo Sek (French), Fort Bayard	95
Norviken (Norwegian), Swatow	141
Ginyo Maru (Japanese), Singapore	3
Canton Maru (Japanese), Swatow	17
Sungshan Maru (Japanese), Keelung	20
Vooyang (Chinese), Swatow	87
Cheung On (Chinese), Shanmei	71
Total	781

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were:

	Arr.	Dep.
British	4	4
American	2	1
Dutch	0	1
Italian	1	1
French	1	0
Norwegian	1	1
Japanese	3	4
Chinese	3	1
Total	15	13

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following merchant ships were in harbour yesterday:

ARRIVALS

December 28.

Prominent, Norwegian str., 1,377 tons, Capt. H. Jensen, from Saigon, buoy No. B5—Nam Tai Loong.

Wilfred, Norwegian str., 3,044 tons, Capt. H. Toft, from Chinwangtao, buoy No. B25—Dodwell and Co.

December 29.

Canton, French str., 978 tons, Capt. Morvan from Haiphong, buoy No. B10—M. M. and Co.

Carthage, British str., 7,810 tons, Capt. M. M. Jack, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf—M. M. and Co.

Gertrude Maersk, Danish str., 3,155 tons, Capt. Nielsen, from Manila, buoy No. A3—Jensen and Co.

Hang Sang, British str., 1,358 tons, Capt. Hughes, from Canton, buoy No. B5—J. M. and Co.

Hong Kong, British str., 3,975 tons, Capt. D. M. Hood, from Singapore, buoy No. A5—Ho Thong and Co.

Klungchow, British str., 1,545 tons, Capt. J. W. Jenkins, from Canton, buoy No. B20—B. and S.

Kaying, British str., 1,572 tons, Capt. J. D. Fraser, from Hoihow, buoy No. B14—B. and S.

Lyceum, British str., 1,734 tons, Capt. A. McLean, from Swatow, buoy No. B4—Wu Fat Shing.

Muroran, Japanese str., 3,251 tons, Capt. S. Midzuu, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf—N.Y.K.

President Grant, American str., 8,405 tons, Capt. R. J. Healy, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf—American Mail Line.

President Hoover, American str., 12,988 tons, Capt. J. Griffith, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf—Dollar S.S. Line.

Sunning, British str., 1,570 tons, Capt. W. L. Thomas, from Swatow, buoy No. B3—B. and S.

Svale, British str., 1,354 tons, Capt. G. H. Wilkins, from Swatow, Douglas Wharf—Douglas and Co.

Vooyang, Chinese str., 1,917 tons, Capt. K. W. Nyquist, from Swatow, C.M.S.N. Wharf—C.M.S.N. Co.

Wireless in communication.

The following ships were in wireless communication with Hong Kong yesterday:

Chekiang, Helios, Hang Sang, Wilda Moller, Prominent, Canton, President Grant, Dell Maru, Apoc, Lianhsien, Nagisan Maru, General Pershing, Tean, Noviken, Bengal Maru, Golden Wall, Javanese Prince, Ginyo Maru.

WHARVES.

Kowloon: Corfu, Santhia, Carthage, President Hoover, China Merchants—Tai Poo Sek.

O.S.K.—Canton Maru, Douglas Laprak—Hal Yang.

Chiu On—Hydrangea.

DOCKS.

Kowloon: Empress of Asia, Munam, Chak Sang, Tin Ting, Talkoo—Chung King, Sinkiang, Empress of Canada, Tai Yuan and Providence.

BOATS.

No. A4—Com. HENRY Riviera.

A5—Hong Kheng.

A6—Nankin.

A12—Selkat Maru.

A15—Van Heutsz.

B3—Sunning.

B9—Marly.

B10—Tung Shun.

B15—Kalgan.

B21—Anhui.

C1—Ardent.

C4—Bremerhaven.

VESSELS DUE

Adriatic, B. & S., Jan. 8.

Africa, Mannes, Jan. 31.

Agapenor, B. & S., Jan. 15.

Akita Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.

Annam, Mannes, Jan. 14.

Arabis, Messageries, Jan. 9.

Assam Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 9.

Albion II, Messageries, Jan. 28.

Bangalore, P. & O., Jan. 5.

Behar, P. & O., Jan. 6.

Benlawers, Gibb's, Jan. 1.

Bhutan, P. & O., Feb. 2.

Calchas, B. & S., Jan. 1.

Change, B. & S., Feb. 9.

Chenoua, Messageries, Dec. 31.

Chichibu Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 6.

Chile, Mannes, Feb. 3.

City of Norwich, Bank Line, Jan. 10.

Comorin, P. & O., Feb. 8.

Conte Verde, Dodwell, Jan. 8.

D'Artagnan, Messageries, Jan. 14.

Deucalion, B. & S., Jan. 19.

Durban Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 16.

Empress of Asia, C.P.R., Feb. 15.

Emp. of Japan, C.P.R., Jan. 19.

Emp. of Russia, C.P.R., Jan. 4.

Formosa, Mannes, Jan. 20.

Genoa Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 18.

Ginyo Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 30.

Hai Ching, Douglas, Jan. 2.

Hai Hing, Thoresen's, Jan. 25.

Haining, Douglas, Jan. 5.

Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 19.

Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 2.

Helena, B. & S., Jan. 9.

Helios, Thoresen's, Jan. 23.

Hellas, Thoresen's, Jan. 14.

Hermes, Thoresen's, Jan. 3.

Hiram, Thoresen's, Jan. 7.

Huashan Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 1.

Ision, B. & S., Jan. 11.

Javanese Prince, N.Y.K., Jan. 6.

Kamo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 26.

Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 20.

Katori Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 18.

Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.

Kofu, B. & S., Jan. 11.

Moroka Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.

Muroran Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 2.

Nagato Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.

Nellore, B. & S., Jan. 6.

Patrocle, B. & S., Feb. 4.

Peiping, Gilman's, Feb. 5.

Penang Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 28.

Persia, Messageries, Jan. 2.

Pres. Adams, Dollar, Jan. 19.

Pres. Cleveland, A.M.L., Jan. 12.

Pres. Colville, Dollar, Jan. 18.

Pres. Harrison, Dollar, Feb. 2.

Pres. Jackson, Dollar, Jan. 26.

Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 5.

Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Feb. 5.

Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Jan. 8.

Tyrinus, B. & S., Feb. 1.

Yamato, Jensen's, Jan. 9.

Yamato Maru, P. & O., Feb. 9.

Yamato, B. & S., Feb. 5.

Yamato, Bank Line, Jan. 24.

Yamato, Melchers, Dec. 30.

Sarpedon, B. & S., Jan. 6.

Shirata, B.I. (Apar), Jan. 20.

Silverdale, Furness, Jan. 20.

Suiyang, B. & S., Dec. 31.

Sunamaki, Jensen's, Jan. 10.

Sunamaki, Douglas, Dec. 30.

Tai Ping, B. & S., Jan. 4.

Tai Ping, Dodwell, Jan. 17.

Tai Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 9.

Takada, B.I. (Apar), Feb. 1.

Takotoyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 13.

Talma, B.I. (Apar), Feb. 7.

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December 29.

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Hong Kheng, for Swatow.

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BROADCASTING RECEIVING LICENCES, 1934

All Existing Licences expire on 31st December, 1933. New Licences for 1934 will be available at the Radio Office, P. & O. Building, as from 1st January, 1934 and will be issued during working hours against the receipt of a remittance of \$10.00. Applications may be made:—

(a) personally.

(b) by messenger.

(c) by post.

It is essential under (c) and preferable under (a) and (b) that applications should be accompanied by crossed cheque payable to Hongkong Government. The new licence will then be sent by post or messenger as soon as it is ready. Where actual cash is tendered a new licence should be received in exchange before leaving the Licensing Office.

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RADIO NOTICE

X L T Telegrams conveying Christmas and New Year greetings will be accepted by the Government Radio Office for transmission via Radio during the period from 14th December 1933 to 8th January 1934; both dates inclusive.

(a) The charge for telegrams to Shanghai and Coast Ports will be based on the ordinary rate and to other places on one-third the ordinary rate.

(b) The minimum charge for all places will be for ten words. Full particulars may be had on application to the Radio Office.

Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS

FROM	PER	DATE
STRAITS	...	3th Dec.
MANILA	...	30th Dec.
SHANGHAI and SWATOW	...	31st Dec.
SHANGHAI and EUROPE via SIBERIA (London 7th December)
SAIGON
SHANGHAI and AMOI
STRAITS
JAPAN
SHANGHAI
JAPAN and SHANGHAI
JAPAN
CANADA, U.S.A., JAPAN and SHANGHAI (Vancouver, B.C., 16th December)
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN and SHANGHAI (San Francisco, 8th December)
JAPAN and SHANGHAI
MANILA
LONDON parcels only—London, 8th Nov.
AUSTRALIA and MANILA
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JAPAN and SHANGHAI
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OUTWARD MAILS

REGISTERED and PARCEL MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 6 p.m. on the previous day.

FOR	PER	DATE and TIME
STRAITS
MANILA
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